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June 5, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several months ago I attended a presentation of the John Birch Society. I liked what the gentleman said, and most of the aims and purposes as he pointed them out coincided with my beliefs, so I along with my wife and several friends joined. Today another friend told us the F.B.I. watches all members of the John Birch Society, supposedly, I assume as it does known foreign agents of various kinds.

I was told before I joined the society that it was not on the subversive list of the F.B.I. or the Justice Department. One of the members who joined the same time I did had checked with the Security Office at the Marine Base in Albany.

What I am trying to get around to is this. Is it on the subversive list?
Is the F.B.I. watching it in any way?

I am a member of the City Council, the local school board, the official board of my church, and I attempt to be a good citizen. I do not want to be involved with any organization that is not 100% American and above board. I have a very great respect for you and the organization which you have built; your opinion will be greatly appreciated.

Keep up the good work. Americans appreciate the tremendous job you and the F.B.I. are doing for us.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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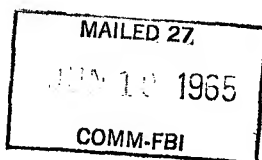
Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of June 5th has been received, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your complimentary remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. I hope that my future efforts will continue to merit your approbation.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

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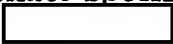
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Time for Decision
Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely
U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy
Counterintelligence Activities

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with correspondent under the exact spelling of his name. Bufiles did, however, reflect that there was one  of Georgia who was listed as being a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.

P. O. BOX 465
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

May 27, 1965

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
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Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your advice, I had a conversation with Mr. George Huebsch, of the Milwaukee Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the John Birch Society. If you recall, the Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc., sent your Bureau a letter, a few weeks ago, stating that we wished to present certain information regarding the above mentioned Society. Your kind response was received by our Committee, and therefore, as the Administrator, I attempted to present the information to Mr. Huebsch today.

Having read with great interest your book titled "Masters of Deceit", I am well aware of your devotion to your duties and the sincerity of your efforts. Our Committee fully agrees with the general theme of your book and recognizes the great need to inform the general public about the Communist hazard. We also recognize that the purpose of the book is to assist the private citizen in detecting Communism under any disguise. We deplore any and all forms of atheism, whether this atheism is represented within the concepts of a political system or within the concepts of a socio-economic system. Your book certainly is an excellent example of "Law Enforcement Co-Operating With The People".

One of the commonly employed methods of deceit, as we are sure you know better than we, is the method of diversionary camouflage. This type of deceit can be most effectively carried out by the technique of distraction. This method accomplishes the deception by creating a diversion; by causing the observer to look over his left shoulder, while the enemy approaches from the right. There can be no doubt that this country faces threats from many sources. If we become so involved in opposing one threat, that we completely ignore another equally dangerous threat, the end result ultimately will be the same.

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As we mentioned above, your desire to co-operate with the citizens has been well established. Certainly the other side of this coin should also reveal an equal desire on the part of the citizens to co-operate with the duly appointed agencies and vigilante type activities should not be employed unless directed and authorized by these duly appointed agencies. (Such as the American Protective Association of past years). The motive for this reciprocal co-operative relationship between the duly appointed

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authorities and the citizens must be based upon a reciprocal interest and respect. The interest deriving its basis in patriotism and the desire to foster the victory of good over evil. It has always been the purpose of the Committee to foster the spirit of co-operation and our motives have always been based on the desire to advance the cause of justice.

I must say, with all due respect and with sincerity, that if my meeting with Mr. Huebsch represents the usual and ordinary method employed by agents, who are selected to interview citizens wishing to provide the Bureau with information, the co-operation between the Bureau and the Citizens will soon disappear. Realizing that the reciprocal co-operation which presently exists, is the result of a life time of endeavor on your part, I find that I must in good conscience report to you the events of my interview with Mr. Huebsch.

My wife accompanied me during the interview and was present at the time that my conversation with Mr. Huebsch was held. Before writing this letter, I discussed the interview with her to be certain that my opinion, about the discussion, was consistent with her feelings. We were both in absolute agreement.

It was our impression that Mr. Huebsch was impatient, rude, and assumed that I had a sinister motive for appearing at the Bureau. The information which was to be presented involved a Conspiracy which by its very nature involves many circumstances and is quite complicated. I grant you that if I had been able to walk into his office with a criminal handcuffed and with a written confession, the matter would have been much simpler for both of us. Unfortunately this is seldom possible for citizens to accomplish. We would not presume to play the part of private detectives, nor would we presume to carry out the work delegated to the Bureau from the Justice department. Our only hope was to alert the Bureau to a problem, which we are convinced, exists on the Extreme right and which we feel is equally as dangerous as the problem on the Extreme left. We do not wish to detract from your important duties as they relate to the Extreme left. We only hoped to assist in revealing the danger on the Extreme right. The concerted cry of the Extreme right regarding the danger of the Extreme left, we feel is a diversionary measure intended to deceive the people about their own intent.

History will demonstrate, that under the disguise of absolute patriotism, many nefarious groups have committed unlimited atrocities against the principles which guide a nation conceived "under God". Examples of these disguised organizations include the Italian "Camorra", the "Mafia", the "Black Hand", the "Molly Maguires", the "Chee Kung Tong Society", (Sam Hop), the "Habits Noirs", the "Thiberts", the "Catusse-Menegant", etc.

There is a belief amongst Historians, which is well documented, that "given a certain set of circumstances, these circumstances

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when they recur at another time in history, will produce an end result which is very similar to the result previously achieved". Even a very superficial review of history will demonstrate, without a doubt, that the circumstances which led to the formation and development of the previously mentioned criminal organizations exist today in a perfect duplication of the past. It should also be noted that the development of Fascism, as represented by Mussolini's Italian version and Hitler's German version, also occurred under these same circumstances. When one compares the rise of both these Fascist leaders, one is overwhelmed by the similarity between the methods, activities, and objectives of the Fascists of the past and the John Birch Society of the present. The John Birch Society are as truly "Masters of Deceit" as are the Communists. We note only one difference between the two organizations. Mainly their cleverly worded declaration of their aims which indicate absolutely nothing except a promise, (as all other subversive groups have made promises which were only expedients for the moment).

The John Birch Society by their fostering of hate, suspicion, hysteria, and distrust of duly elected authorities, in our opinion, is fostering rebellion, insurrection, and agitates civil and criminal disobedience. With the realization that in the time of rebellion and disorder, when the fears of people are at a high pitch, these people will submit to forms of so called "temporary" dictatorships, we believe that the rallying of fears in the general population is for the purpose of creating the circumstances which will justify the violent overthrow of this government. (By the John Birch Society).

The total conspiracy as we see it, is too detailed to write in the form of a letter, and was apparently too detailed for Mr. Huebsch to contribute his time to listening to the concept of the conspiracy.

We are certain that the events of the future will justify our position and we can only rely upon our trust in God's will and the devotion of the Federal Bureau as an organization.

Respectfully, we are, the Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.



Administrator

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June 8, 1965

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[Redacted]

Administrator
Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.
Post Office Box 465
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186

Dear [Redacted]

Mr. Hoover has read your letter of May 27, 1965, and instructed me to advise you that from examination of the contents of your letter, there does not appear to be a violation over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction. In addition, he wanted me to state that this Bureau will continue to discharge its responsibilities with the same dispatch and thoroughness that has characterized it in the past and in the event you receive any information of a violation of Federal law coming within the province of any law enforcement agency, it is the citizens' responsibility to refer such information to the proper authorities.

Enclosed is some material which we trust you will find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

Enclosures (5)

- 1 - Milwaukee - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure (sent with cover memo)

SEE NOTE AND ENCLS. PAGE TWO."

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4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
Time for Decision
Courage of Free Men

NOTE: See Morrell to Mr. DeLoach memo dated 6-8-65 captioned, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Administrator, Waukesha Citizen Action Committee, Inc.,
Post Office Box 465, Waukesha, Wisconsin."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, ANCHORAGE (62-547)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
ANCHORAGE DIVISION
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 6/4/65

The "Anchorage Daily Times", Anchorage, Alaska, a daily newspaper of general circulation, issue of 5/25/65, reported that one, LARRY ABRAHAM, Seattle-based coordinator of the John Birch Society for Western Washington and Alaska, was in Anchorage to attempt to organize a chapter of the John Birch Society in Anchorage. *Alaska Washington*

The "Anchorage Daily News", Anchorage, Alaska, a daily newspaper of general circulation, issue of 5/26/65, reported that LARRY ABRAHAM had said the prospects for organizing an Anchorage Chapter for the John Birch Society looked good. ABRAHAM further said his appearance in Anchorage was the society's first real effort to organize a group in Alaska; further that a chapter had been successfully organized in Ketchikan last week (week of 5/17/65).

Information copies being furnished the Seattle Division, inasmuch as LARRY ABRAHAM is from Seattle.

No investigation will be initiated UACB.

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Dear Mr. Hoover

Can you advise if the John Birch Society is a
subversive organization? The Attorney General's letter was not explicit
in regards to our question.

Hoping you can help me,

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Allen Park Mich 48101

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[Redacted Address]

Allen Park, Michigan 48101

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of June 7th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I trust you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy and my inability to comment as you suggested. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Elrama Pa.
June 9, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am an American who is very deeply disturbed about communism in our country.

Recently I attended a presentation of the "John Birch Society." Being a patriotic American, who believes in our American Heritage, I believe that I should be doing something, no matter how small to preserve our American Freedoms. I was naturally moved by this society.

I have heard good and bad about the society. Also I have read quite a bit of their literature.

You, above any other man in this country, I feel I can trust to know and be honest with me about "John Birch".

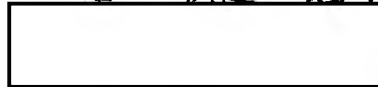
I have some misgivings about joining, but if they are doing anything to keep our American Heritage intact, I am for them.

I would never knowingly attach my name to any group or organization that is in any way unamerican.

Would you please give me your honest opinion of the "John Birch Society"?

Your fellow American

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Elrama, Pa.

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Elrama, Pennsylvania

Dear

Your letter of June 9th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

It is always encouraging to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing our country and who desire to prepare themselves and others to meet the challenge to our freedoms presented by communism. A broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist movement is essential if the American people are to effectively resist its eroding influence.

I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in the fight against communism. You may also want to read my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." They were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5) (continued)

"Our Heritage of Greatness," 12-12-64.

"Time For Decision," 11-24-64

The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

LEB Introduction, 6/65.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

TRUE COPY

Dear Sir,

Several years ago (1961) I requested that you send me some of your posters so that I could put them on the various bulletin boards where I was stationed. (NAAS MERIDIAN) I am now at NAS SANFORD FLORIDA and would like to do the same here. I would like 20 of the large coloured posters and 50 of the small black and white.

I would also like a copy each of your 3 & 4 page pamphlets (examples: Shall it be Law or Tyranny", "Deadly Duel", An Army of Free Men" etc.)

The poster looked like this:

A----- A Alert yourself. No the true nature of communism etc.
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If you have other posters that would be good to give to Libraries, schools, churches I will be very happy to distribute them.

P.S. I am a member of the John Birch Society but the above is done not in connection with the society. It is a personal project.

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Very Respectfully

[Redacted Signature]

Sanford, Florida

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→ A ^{HERO} ^{GENERAL} ^{etc.} No the true nature of communism
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Your fellow American

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Elrama, Pa.

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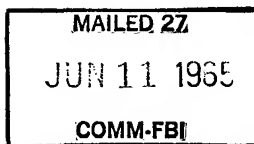
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Your letter of June 7th has been received.

In response to your request, I am sending you, under separate cover, 50 black and white posters on communism. Our supply of colored posters has been depleted. In addition, I am enclosing several articles I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
Deadly Duel
An Army of Free Men
The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

1 - Mr. [redacted] - Room 4724 (sent direct)

USC Material:

50 copies of What You Can Do to Fight Communism - sent 6/15/65 PEB

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NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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June 10, 1965

Hon. J. Edger Hoover,

Have you ever made the statement that Robert Welsh And the John Birch Society are more damagerous to the United States of America than the Communist party.

I would appreciate very much if you would answer this question for me.

Sincerely

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Manchester Mich
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June 10, 1965

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Manchester Mich.

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June 16, 1965

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[Redacted Address]

Manchester, Michigan 48158

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of June 10th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I have never made the statement to which you referred, and the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. I have stated, however, that I have had little respect for the head of the John Birch Society since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles and former Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles with communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Brooklyn 21, N. Y. (11221)
June 10, 1965

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am an [redacted] girl, who is very interested in the welfare and well-being of her country. My friends feel the same way as I do, and some have turned toward the "John Birch Society;" Others have joined. I have read some of their literature, and I am astounded at what I read, about Comunist Infiltration In our country, and perhaps in our very government.

I feel as (if) I should join, because there is no such thing as being "too pro-American," But my father thinks the society is too extreme, and just might be a (little too) cover-up for comunist activities, and suggested I write to you for your advise. I love my country Mr. Hoover, and I want to do the right thing for it - I can not fight physically against comunism, But I would like to feel I am doing something to combat it.

So, would you please send me some advise on this situation? I shall await eagerly for your reply.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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Brooklyn 21, New York
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Brooklyn 21, N.Y.
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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am an [redacted] girl, who is very interested in the welfare and well being of her country. My friends feel the same way as I do, and some have turned toward the "John Birch Society". Others have joined. I have read some of their literature, and I am astounded at what I read about Communist Infiltration in our country, and perhaps in our very government.

I feel as if I should join, because there is no such thing as being "too pro-American". But my father thinks the society is too extreme, and just might be a (little too) cover-up for communist activities, and suggested I write to you, for your advice. I love my country, Mr. Hoover, and I want to do the right thing for it - I can not fight physically against communism, but I would like to feel I am doing something to combat it.

So, would you please send me some advice on this situation?
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I shall wait eagerly for your
reply.
Thank you!

Sincerely yours,



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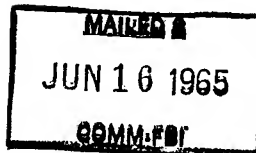
[Redacted]
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 10th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

FBI Jurisdiction Does Not Cover Making Evaluations
America's Ideals - Its Mark of Greatness
LEB Introduction - June, 1965
Internal Security Statement - 4/17/62
The U. S. Businessman Faces the Soviet Spy

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *lt*
q SAC, BUFFALO (100-17508)(C)

SUBJECT: *0*
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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DATE: 6/17/65

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Re SAC Letters 59-13(F) and 60-5(C) and mylet,
6/9/64, under the above caption.

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This is to advise that ~~American Opinion Libraries~~ which are affiliated with the above-captioned organization have been established at Buffalo and Rochester, New York. The Library at Buffalo, New York, is located at 1232 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, New York, and is established in a former store and consists of a reading room located in the back part of the store and literature racks in the front of the store. It was established by [redacted] a Buffalo resident. [redacted] under date of April 10, 1965, directed a letter to the Buffalo FBI Office which indicated that he had started the Library in the Buffalo area for the purpose of distributing conservative literature, and that among such literature would be books and pamphlets which would explain Communism. He requested to be furnished with copies of literature available through the Bureau on the subject of Communism, and, in addition, indicated that he planned to have study groups meet at the Library for the purpose of discussing various matters including Communism. *Bord 2-6-43 - BUFFALO N.Y*

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[redacted] was contacted on 4/13/65 by SA [redacted] of this office who visited the American Opinion Library at 1232 Hertel Avenue, under the pretext that the Agent wished to acknowledge his letter to the Buffalo FBI Office and to explain to him that the FBI did not distribute literature to private enterprises. During the conversation with [redacted] he indicated to SA [redacted] that he was desirous of cooperating with the FBI, and that his Library was a semi-commercial venture in which he expects to make a profit on literature sold and at the same time provide a service to the community by having dis-

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(1 - 105-5499, AMERICAN OPINION LIBRARY,
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK)

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cussion or study groups. He admitted that all literature which will be handled by him will be obtained either through the American Opinion Library at Belmont, Massachusetts, or literature approved by this group. He further admitted that the American Opinion Library at Belmont, Massachusetts, was actually the publication office of the John Birch Society, and that he will operate on sort of a privileged basis, and that as long as he observes the rules of the American Opinion Library as indicated in connection with the sale and purchase of literature, he will be able to operate under the name of the American Opinion Library.

At the time of contact with [] the Agent observed a late model Volkswagen painted white with the legends "American Opinion Library" and "Book Store on Wheels" parked at the curb which had New York license []. For information of the Bureau, it was determined from the Buffalo Police Department that this license is registered to [] of Syracuse, New York, who is mentioned in referenced Buffalo letter to the Bureau, 11/30/64.

Inquiries made on [] developed information that he was born [] at Buffalo, New York, [], born in Jamestown, New York, a former [] in the U. S. Air Corps, and [] who was born at Albany, New York. He is a graduate of St. Andrews Parochial School, Kenmore, New York, in [] and a graduate of Williamsville High School, Williamsville, New York, in []. He attended [] College, Buffalo, for [] at which time he left the school. He has had various employments in the Buffalo area, the last being with the [] where he was employed as [] from [] to the first or second week of [] 1965, at which time he quit without notice. He was frequently absent during this employment. [] presently resides at [] in Buffalo and formerly resided at [] also Buffalo. He has Social Security No. [].

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The records of the Clerk, Erie County, New York, reflect that on 4/23/65, a Certificate of Assumed Name was filed on 3/29/65, by [] Buffalo, for a business under the name of the American Opinion Library, 1232 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

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Records of the Buffalo Police Department as checked on 5/17/65, disclosed no record on [redacted]

The records of the Buffalo Retail Credit Association as checked on 5/17/65, revealed that [redacted] and that he was employed by the [redacted]. There was no derogatory information contained in the records. [redacted]

With regard to the American Opinion Library at Rochester, New York, [redacted] advised during the contact on 4/13/65, that one had been established in Rochester a short time previous, but that he did not have specific information concerning its location. However, inquiries made at Rochester, New York, revealed that an American Opinion Library had been established in Rochester, New York, at 1891 East Main Street, Rochester, by individuals named [redacted] and [redacted]. These individuals had filed an Assumed Name Certificate on 4/21/65, stating they were doing business under the name of the American Opinion Library at 1891 East Main Street, Rochester, New York.

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[redacted] according to information developed at Rochester, New York, was born [redacted] at [redacted] New York, and is attending the Rochester Institute of Technology where he is taking courses in calculus. He is presently employed by the [redacted] Rochester, New York, where he is considered a very capable employee who does designing and drafting. He is known by his employer to be a member of the John Birch Society and on one occasion requested the use of a company tape recorder in order to play John Birch Society recordings to a few friends. This request was denied. He is [redacted] being [redacted] [redacted] N.Y.

With regard to [redacted] it is believed that this individual is identical with the [redacted] who was mentioned in referenced Buffalo letter dated 11/30/64, as residing at [redacted] Penfield, New York, who is employed [redacted] at Fairport School, Fairport, New York.

Detailed information concerning the above-mentioned individuals as developed during inquiries in this matter has been made a matter of record in the Buffalo Office file.

BU 100-17508

No investigation is being conducted concerning the Buffalo or Rochester American Opinion Libraries, and the above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau.

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Love & kisses to J. Edgar from me and

Friday, June 11th, 1965

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Miss Gandy	

Robert M. Kaiser
Chief of Police
900 Montgomery Street
Laurel, Maryland

Dear Chief Kaiser,

Thank you so much for your letter of May 25th. To quote a little scripture let me ask, "If I speak evil, testify to that evil, if not, why callest thou me?"

First let me assure you that you are on no one's mailing list but mine. The Birch Society does not maintain a mailing list of anyone but it's members. However the members do mail out literature, at their own expense, to friends, acquaintances and just about anyone they think might take the time to read it. I chose to write you because I was honestly impressed by the program you presented that day in Laurel and I wanted to commend you for it. And since the Society is not well understood and we handed out literature that day it seemed feasible that you might receive protests regarding it. By writing you, you know where the literature came from and who was responsible and would be able to tell people from whence it came and how. Otherwise, I don't believe you had anyway of knowing and it might appear deceitful.

Secondly, you are more than welcome to forward any literature I send you including my letters to the F.B.I. The Birch Society is not a subversive organization and we give whole hearted support to J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I. In fact all of Mr. Hoover's books are required reading for Birch members. Matt Cvetic, Dan Smeed and other former F.B.I. agents have also written tons of literature and books which the Birch Society also recommends and helps to distribute.

To quote a little more scripture - "He who does evil shuns the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." JOHN 3:20 and "He who does good comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God." JOHN 3:21

Perhaps you are unaware that the California State Legislature made an investigation of the John Birch Society and found it to be a patriotic organization. I have a copy of these hearings if you would like to see it. Surely, if I were engaged in illegal activity I would not go out of my way to bring it to your attention.

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Would you rather that I support Civilian Review Boards for the police? J. Edgar Hoover has testified against them. Would you rather that I work to see that local police forces be abolished in favor of Federal troops? Would you rather that I incite some violence as an opportunity to resist arrest and throw acid in your face? Would you rather I support and praise the Supreme Court in it's position on the Mallory rule and the nullification of the Smith Act? Etc. etc. etc.

Is it so bad that I want to see a Support Your Local Police sticker in every store window and on every automobile? Is it so bad that I train my children to think of the policeman as their friend and that the laws of the land are their far their protection? Is it so bad that I desire to and do obey the laws of the land? When have you heard of a member of the Birch Society resisting arrest or getting arrested at all?

I am sorry that I cannot fulfill your request to stop writing to you. As long as I uphold the Constitution and the laws of the land I have a right to speak and that in my conscious before God I must do. I have no choice. At this moment I have ironing to do and my two little ones are napping. It is the best time of the day for me to do my household tasks. But I felt it was necessary to write to you and more important than the ironing. The money I spend on literature and postage could well be spent on this house or on things for my family. If I thought of no one or nothing but myself surely there would be better ways to spend my time and money.

Whether you ever wish to join the John Birch Society is strictly up to you. I would encourage you to do so. But whether you do or not as long as you maintain the kind of police force you now have and put on the kind of program you did a few weeks ago you are helping us. Write me all you wish to but as long as you keep up the job you are doing you have my support, respect, admiration and affection.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

College Park, Maryland

cc: F.B.I.

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June 20, 1965.
Suffield, Ohio

Dear Sir;

Would you please send me some information on the John Birch Society.

I was asked to join their organization and before I join I would like to know if their doctrine is harmful to our country's welfare.

On the surface they seem to be just a patriotic organization, but some of the publicity has seemed a little unfavorable, so before I join said Society would you please send me a full account of theme or doctrine. Here's thanking you sincerely for your courtesy.

Sincerely,  

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Suffield, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 20th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Time for Decision

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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[Redacted]
Somerville, New Jersey
June 19, 1965

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, I have read of your March 4th address. I am concerned about the college situation and the total communist threat to our country as a whole.

As I am quite interested in doing something helpful and constructive, it appears as though the John Birch Society would be the most effective means for accomplishing my purpose.

I fully realize that you cannot openly endorse the group, but can you advise whether it is safe or wise to join? By safe, I mean is it possible that it is a communist group in anti-communist disguise? Or a group that, although, it most definitely appears to be helping the cause of America, it is really hurting it instead?

Realizing that many innocent people, unknowingly, joined communist organizations, only to find later of their purpose, is something I want to prevent.

I am interested in presefving a free, American Republic and I would like to do my part.

Although this is a personal problem, I feel you are the most reliable person to answer my questions and I hope you will honor them, in confidence, at your earliest possible convenience.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very truly yours,

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[redacted]
Somerville, New Jersey

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Dear [redacted]

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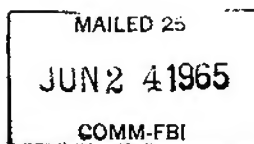
Your letter of June 19th has been received, and I am glad you found my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations to be of interest.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing some material I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)
6/65 LEB Introduction
"Time for Decision"

NOTE: We have had one prior communication from [redacted] last outgoing 11-24-64, to a Maryland address, regarding the Director's press conference. No reprints were sent and she was not identifiable at that time.

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June 20, 1965

Hon J Edgar Hoover

I received your reply to my letter of June 10, 1965

I appreciate very much that you would answer the letter of an ordinary citizen ^{John Birch Society}

However I must state that I have read carefully all the available literature of the John Birch Society, including the Politician and I fail to see where he

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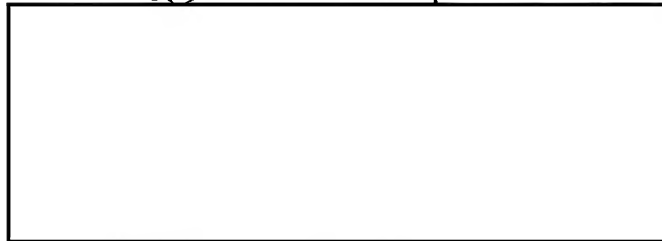
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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Ogden, Utah
June 18, 1965

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
c/o J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hoover:

In a recent bulletin forwarded to me, you stated that, "All citizens are urged to acquaint themselves with the methods and operations of the enemies of democracy so that they can readily recognize efforts to undermine our way of life", my question is:

1. How are we sure of the enemy? When in many cases even those who spend a great deal of time studying to this end, get themselves roped into an organization they thought to be a pro-American, which in reality turned out to be wolves in sheep's clothing?
2. Are we to decide individually without the help of higher authority on this matter as to the final evaluations concerning some of the crack pot organization which looks good at first but latter are found to be undermining our American way of life? Or is there a department in Washington whose job it is to warn the public of these organizations to which the people should not affiliate themselves? So that it would be impossible for large groups to join such organizations and weaken the nation. (I have in mind specifically the John Birch Society).

Any information as to the foregoing will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, [redacted]

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[Redacted]

Ogden, Utah

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of June 18th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I can only suggest that in your personal evaluation of the merits of any organization you give careful consideration to its objectives and whether they are being achieved through orderly, legal procedures.

I am enclosing a copy of the list of organizations which have been cited as subversive by the Department of Justice of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. You may also wish to secure a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In it are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and a copy of it can be purchased for seventy cents from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

Attorney General's List of Subversive Organizations

NOTE: Bufiles reflect one prior outgoing to [Redacted] dated 5/19/65 in response to an inquiry he had made. He was furnished reprint material with that letter and referred to the Director's books on communism.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/25/65

FROM: *WJH* SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT:

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MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION *CALIF.*b6
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7 Re [REDACTED] letter to Bureau with copy to Los Angeles dated 6/21/65.

Referenced letter indicates that [REDACTED] is a member of the John Birch Society and has recently subscribed to the publications "The Worker" and the "People's World", in order to be better informed on the communist movement.

For the Bureau's information, Los Angeles indices contain no references to [REDACTED] and Los Angeles is acknowledging carbon copy received here.

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Dear Sir,

I am very much concerned by the amount of Communist influence in all factions of government and social organizations as described in your book Masters of Deceit. I have attended some introductory presentations by the John Birch Society and am considering joining this organization. Do you feel that such a group is effective? What is your opinion on it as a whole? Please ~~this~~ answer this letter as soon as possible. I will be awaiting your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CORRESPONDENCE

Eau Claire, Wis.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Sir,

I am very much concerned by the amount of communist influence in all factions of government and social organizations as described in your book Masters of Deceit. I have attended some introductory presentations by the John Birch Society and am considering joining this organization. Do you feel that such a group is effective? What is your opinion on it as a whole? Please answer this letter as soon as possible. I will be awaiting your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Eau Claire, Wis.

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June 28, 1965

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[Redacted]
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 22nd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. In addition, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In view of the foregoing, I trust you understand why I cannot comment as you suggested. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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June 22, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is our earnest and true belief that to educate is to protect. The truth which must be sought concerning the threat to our country can be found and our enemies exposed through the education of Americans. To this end we have recently become members of the John Birch Society. We feel that in aiding the efforts of Mr. Robert Welch and his staff to alert and educate United States citizens regarding the very real and definite threat of Communism we will in some small way be helping to further the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its quest for justice and freedom.

We are aware of the fact that some persons have continually tried to discredit and smear the John Birch Society. With this in mind we respectfully ask that this letter be kept on file and if at any time there is substantive evidence that the John Birch Society is in any way subversive in nature, that we be notified immediately.

Sincerely yours,

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Lincoln, Nebraska

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[Redacted]
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear [Redacted]

I received the letter of June 22nd from you and your husband and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

With respect to your request, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why it would not be possible for me to comment in the manner you suggested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: [Redacted] are not identifiable in Bufiles.

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TRUE COPY

June 30th 1965

To the F. B. I.

Dear Sirs,

How do you rate the John Birch Society? Is it on your subversive list?

Two years ago-in two different states I first heard of the J. B. Society from fine Christian people but they spoke almost in whispers and said nothing definite--concrete.

So-when I returned home-I decided to find out for myself.

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Thank you
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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

D.C.
Honorable Ezra Taft Benson, President of the European Mission
of THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, has asked
me to forward the enclosed pamphlet - STICK OF DYNAMITE -
to you.

We realize how very crowded your time must be, but we are
following Mr. Benson's request in the hope that the information
this little booklet contains might be of interest to you.

I am very glad of this chance to tell you how much all Americans
appreciate the wonderful job you have done for our country, and
we hope that God will spare you to us for many years to come -
or at least until we defeat this atheistic Communist conspiracy
and know that we have insured freedom for the generations ahead.

With all of our thanks and deepest appreciation, we are sending
our very best wishes and kindest regards.

Sincerely,



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For Benevolent Blasting Of Apathetic Minds

With great regret but no apology

Despite appearances - -

As you will discover, this is actually a letter to a very limited number of people.

Partly for your convenience - -

We have made the letter easier to read by setting it in type, reproducing it by offset, and adding color. This still saves money, against typewriting fifty separate copies as originally planned.

And the blue ribbon effect is intended - -

For this may be the most important letter I have ever written. On its results may well depend the freedom and the lives of those to whom it is addressed, as well as the future of our country and even the survival of our civilization. And the time has truly come for some realistic bluntness.

This is neither exaggeration nor fantasy - -

These terribly — and reluctantly — melodramatic phrases are based on the following considerations, which I honestly believe to be the stark and simple truth: (1) The Communist conspiratorial apparatus is now closing in, with every conceivable pressure and deception, on all remaining resistance to the establishment of its police state over our own country; (2) the only existing force that has any possible chance of preventing the completion of these Communist plans is The John Birch Society; (3) we have no chance of stopping and reversing the long patient progress of this conspiracy except — exactly as stated in the Blue Book six years ago — by measures which are *fantastic* enough to be *realistic* in proportion to the danger; and (4) there is still time, and we can still slow down, stop, and eventually rout this incredibly cruel and destructive gang of criminals, if we can persuade even the people receiving this letter to face the facts.

II. Let's Glance At The Obvious

The Communists are gaining daily - -

With regard to Point 1 above, probably no exposition is needed for those to whom we are making this appeal. The events of the past thirty years, and the events of the very days we are now living through, make this tragic fact as obvious as sunrise. We do not have to understand the methods by which developments in Vietnam, in the Dominican Republic, in the "Civil Rights" movement, in our march towards national bankruptcy, or in a dozen other areas, are to be fitted into longrange Communist designs, in order to be aware that these designs lead to our own subjugation and enslavement. And to anybody who does not yet realize that most members of the present Administration are involved in carrying out these intricately meshing schemes, all that we have to say here is a waste of their time, and of ours.

While we are in a race with time - -

With regard to Point 2, also, there is little we can add for those who are not already convinced. We believe it is a fair appraisal, however, to say that The John Birch Society now has more solid substance and effective reach than all other anti-Communist groups in America put together. Which means that we must provide the organizational core, the leadership, and the strategy for stopping the Communists. Otherwise the United States — probably split eventually into four provinces — will be incorporated, while most of us are still alive, into the same worldwide Communist empire with China and Czechoslovakia and Cuba and Zanzibar.

For six years most of our effort has been spent in organizing an army — an educational army, because this was the one kind with any chance of success in the struggle that engages us. We have set out to provide a form of opposition which the Communists have not faced before, in any of the fifty "countries" that they have taken over. And that is, a sizable body of men and women dedicated to the purpose of simply bringing out the truth. For the one and only thing which neither the Communist conspiracy nor any conspiracy can withstand is a sufficient amount of daylight turned onto its dark activities.

Because the Communists could see better than anybody else both what we were after and the potential danger to themselves, we have had to proceed against every conceivable form of smear and attack, both under cover and above the surface. So that, despite the incredible sacrifice, labor, and dedication of our members, this total educational army today is still only about one-fourth to one-third of the size and strength needed for extensive all-out warfare on any realistic basis.

Besides the external attacks on us, there have been some efforts,

even within the organization itself, to pull us off onto various tangents, such as political action, international intrigue — or even preparation for guerrilla warfare. We have hewed unwaveringly to the line, however, which was established when the Society was founded, that our function was simply to create understanding. And also as set forth in the Blue Book, we have built steadfastly in the belief that "no collection of debating societies" is ever going to stop the Communists. Despite all the smears and obstacles to which this hard course has subjected us, we have created, and have maintained, a structure that is mobile, and powerful, and dynamic. Today there is nothing else in this country, *or in any country*, to match The John Birch Society as a body of resistance to Communism.

III. We Are Not Ready For War

But we can fight a battle - -

As to Points 3 and 4, comments on both may well be combined. And the most important comment is this: We are not yet anywhere near strong enough to wage all-out war with the Communists, but we do have enough strength at last, by carefully picking our battlegrounds, to strike some decisive blows. We must follow the age-old strategy for any inferior force of concentrating heavily on one specific target at a time.

We are still talking, of course, about educational, ideological, and propaganda warfare. But let's suppose that the enemy has five divisions at each of twenty different stretches of its immense circular front, all slowly but surely advancing roughly in unison. And suppose that we have only ten divisions altogether. Nevertheless, if we suddenly hurl the whole force of our ten divisions at some particular area of the front, we may be able to rout completely the enemy forces at that point. We may thus slow down the whole line of Communist advance, and ourselves fall back to attack at some entirely different point, while the Communists are recovering — psychologically and otherwise — from any such totally unexpected defeat. This kind of strategy can be followed in this new kind of warfare just as surely and effectively as in the military warfare waged in simpler times.

Success depends on infinite pains - -

In carrying out such strategy, of course, not only the selection of a battleground most favorable to our prospects, but every consideration as to the timing and tactics involved, must all be studied as though our life or death depended on each detail — which they probably do. And it seems to me that, just when we have become strong enough for any such encounter, a rare opportunity is offered us by a situation which

the Communists themselves have created. This situation is made clear by the enclosed pamphlet, *Two Revolutions At Once*, which we hope you have already read. If not, we earnestly ask you to read it *now*, as a vital part of this letter. For unless you have enough interest in the danger, and confidence in myself, to give the time and careful attention required to grant this request, then my whole effort in this letter is likely to bog down anyway.

But if, or after, you have read *Two Revolutions At Once*, the following conclusions will, I believe, seem justified: (a) The Communists have laid out their own plans for the Negro Revolutionary Movement so fully, in print, and so continuously right up to the present time, that no good American, whom we actually reach with the facts, can fail to be convinced that "Civil Rights" is a Communist slogan and Communist program for Communist purposes; (b) the Communists have met more resistance, have had to accept more delays, and have engaged in more vacillation and doubt as to their own exact course, in connection with their "use" of the American Negro, than in any other long-range program they have ever undertaken; and (c), The John Birch Society has offered to it here exactly that form of battle for which it is best suited.

Our attack is now under way - -

We have already launched the first skirmish in this battle. In our May Bulletin, under the appropriate agenda heading, we set out the theme: *Fully expose the "civil rights" fraud and you will break the back of the Communist conspiracy.* We then informed our members that we were sending every chapter one hundred copies of *Two Revolutions At Once*. The assignment set before them was to make an effective, immediate distribution of these pamphlets, to their friends and neighbors. This means much more than the mere giving away, in the easiest manner, of a hundred pamphlets, by the fifteen or twenty members of a particular chapter. It calls for carefully placing each copy in the hands of somebody who has promised to read it. And this assignment will, in general, be conscientiously carried out.

About half a million copies of *Two Revolutions At Once* will thus be put to work. Also, this distribution will bring about the purchase of a considerable number of our *Civil Rights Packets* at one dollar each. This combination constitutes the opening volley in the battle ahead. Actually, this volley should have consisted of two million copies of the pamphlet, to be distributed by twenty thousand chapters. But we have to cut our suits to match the cloth we can afford and the amount of workmanship we have available. Also, that workmanship will make up in dedication much of what it lacks in numbers. So that, over the next several months, it is our hope and plan to pour a veritable flood of literature explaining the "civil rights" fraud, and exposing its backers,

into the hands of the American people.

We have various books and pamphlets for this purpose already in production, or in the planning stage. Also, while we count primarily on the printed word, because of its deeper and more lasting impact, we shall make some use of tapes and films. Of course we can and shall make distribution of materials that seem effective, which are turned out by other groups. Frankly, we do not believe that we yet have the strength and numbers to expose the whole fraud fully enough and convincingly enough, to enough people, for the result to be any really decisive victory. But we do expect — may we repeat — by this concentration of effort with the forces we do have, to turn enough light on this specific activity of the conspiracy, and strike a shattering enough blow at this particular pretense, for the shock to set back the Communist movement and force a certain reassembling of its lines — while we go on to strike another blow on another part of the front.

IV. But An Army Must Have Arms

And supplies and reinforcements - -

All of these plans, however, and many others, are based on the assumption that this letter will be successful. You cannot fight even one battle properly without reasonably adequate logistical support. Nor can the sizable army that we need for the total war be recruited rapidly and organized firmly without very formidable costs. First, let's illustrate and dramatize the situation by a truly fantastic suggestion.

If we had the resources in hand *right now*, we could find and hire three hundred additional well qualified and highly able Coordinators between the middle of May and the middle of August. We would then bring these three hundred men together for a two-weeks period ending with Labor Day weekend. The first three days of that period would be used for my standard "two-day presentation," with plenty of time for questions and answers and open discussion. The remaining ten days, with a few short breaks for recreation and to give what was being learned a little chance to "sink in," would be used as an extremely thorough training period for these men.

These training sessions, using films and tapes and lectures and discussions, and experiences from the field, and correspondence from our own members, and forms from our offices, and samples of all our publications and materials, would be conducted by Tom Hill and John Rousselot; by Ed Griffin and Reed Benson and Tom Davis; by Bob Koenig and Jim Pound and Buck Mann and other outside Major Coordinators and Coordinators; by Carl Danielson as an "Inside Coordinator," and the Tom Davis who is our Chief Accountant, and Dr. Gannon as head of our Research Department, and Scott Stanley telling about *American Opinion*, and Carole McKinney of our MMM Depart-

ment, and Bill Voit concerning our bookstore units, and other department heads dealing with their particular areas of our total program.

At least twice during the two weeks we would have some member of our COUNCIL give these men a look at their work from his more general point of view. At the very end I would try to offer an inspirational summary of the great undertaking to which they were now dedicating their lives. Immediately after Labor Day we would send these three hundred additional Coordinators out to their respective territories with enough sound knowledge and deeprooted enthusiasm for all of our announced goals by the end of 1966 to become an assured reality.

But there are not enough angels - -

Each of these men would have to be paid his salary and expenses for anywhere from six months to a year before he could establish a membership base that even approached being self-sustaining. He would have to be provided adequate field equipment. To give him proper support from our offices would require approximately two inside employees for each man in the field — with all of the purchase and installation of desks and typewriters and files and bookkeeping machines and mailing machines and all other office equipment which this would entail. It would also require the multiplying *at last five-fold* of our present volume of publishing and shipping. For that quantity of books and pamphlets and reprints would be absolutely necessary to make the field work become either self-sustaining or worthwhile. And the total immediate cost of this daydream would — as can be shown by a laborious breaking down of the figures — run to a minimum of at least twelve million dollars. So it is time to wake up, and consider what is possible.

The possible has been weighed - -

We have had to make this appraisal, in fact, of our current activities during the months immediately ahead, and of our projected expansion for a much greater influence in the future. With regard to both, the program on which we are already embarked is, we believe, the minimum that gives us the proper chance of carrying out the task we have undertaken. And the price tag on this present program is three million dollars. Or, in simple language, we have to raise three million dollars, over and above the normal flow of money from our membership at large — and we have to raise it now.

By sheer coincidence this happens to be, I have just remembered, the amount of money that Chiang Kai-shek raised in 1927 from the merchants of Shanghai, and which gave him the strength at a crucial point that enabled him to save China from the Communists for twenty

more years. Chiang was then finally driven off the mainland by the native Communists and their Soviet backers — *only* because of the overwhelming help given them by *our* government. We have no such *outside* pressures to withstand, of a level beyond our intrinsic capacity, if we can simply take care of our enemies at home.

We are fighting here, however, not the kind of military war which Chiang won for so long and would still have been able to win in China, but exactly the same kind of propaganda war which finally licked him. It is being carried out now, within and against our own country, by exactly the same forces. And neither The John Birch Society, nor *any* organization, no matter how dedicated, efficient, or skillfully directed, is going to defeat with "peanuts" an enemy which has billions to spend on propagating its falsehoods just in the United States alone. Because truth is on our side, and is so powerful an ally, we *can* defeat the Communists with only a fraction of their numbers and a far smaller fraction of their funds. But we can neither wage a battle nor build an army on what it takes to run a division. And I am turning to you hard pressed patriots who receive this letter simply because there are no other sources to which, as a practical matter, I *can* turn, for the now absolutely necessary support.

V. Still Looking Ahead

And not kidding ourselves or anybody else - -

For this is it. Our need for money is not because of our shortcomings or failures, *but because of our successes and our opportunities*. A strategic and concentrated attack on one front of the enemy's long encircling lines can be made with terrific impact if, but only *if*, we have adequate logistical support for even the forces we now have. (In plain language, this means primarily if we have the capital to produce the materials needed.) Subsequent concentrated attacks, one right after another, on various other targets (the pro-Communist activities of the National Council of Churches, and then the part of the Warren Court in undermining our republic, for instance) can be made with increasing impact and effectiveness if, but only *if*, we can continue to gain an ever larger stream of recruits and reinforcements. For both needs we must have resources, not in proportion to the size of the task, I am sorry to say, for this would be beyond our reach at the present time; but at least sufficient to enable us to make realistic use of our present strength and current potentialities.

Nor are we overlooking, in this letter, the program laid out in our pamphlet, *Looking Ahead*, which was mailed with the March Bulletin. We outlined there our hopes and plans for establishing fifty chapters, or approximately one thousand members, in every one of 325 Congressional Districts by the fall of 1966. Nothing in these pages changes

that undertaking in any way. But the truth is that, for whatever reason we do not know, that pamphlet brought us very little of the "big money" needed to carry out its projected accomplishment. We had, and still have an excellent response to that appeal from our members in the middle and lower income brackets. But we have found that many of our wealthier members, even among those truly dedicated to the Society and its purposes, did not even bother to read *Looking Ahead*, possibly because it appeared physically monotonous and forbidding. So that is why we are making this new appeal, in a more spritely format, to a selected few. And we are merely bringing this report of our planning up to date, without changing any of our aspirations.

We must face realities - -

Nor are we belittling to the slightest degree the wonderful help that has been given us in the past, by so many devoted friends at all economic levels. We are simply talking facts, when we refer to our present resources and income as "peanuts" in proportion to the resources of our enemy. We are facing the most extensively organized and solidly entrenched conspiracy in human history. And the Communists have never expected that anybody would be able, at this stage of the game, to raise resources, in either human dedication or financial backing, which would amount to anything but "peanuts" against their accumulated power. But it can be done, we are doing it, we have really meant business from the very beginning, and we mean business now, every step of the way. The question is, do you?

If not, have you considered the alternatives? The nearest Cuban refugee can tell you — with this difference: He is a refugee, and alive, because there still remained a country to which he could escape. There will be no such haven for Americans.

Or have you given really earnest thought to what the money you hold onto now will be worth in a few more years, unless we stop the Communists? I have a friend among the Cuban refugees who can answer that question too. He was the head of a large and highly prosperous accounting firm. He owned one home worth about a hundred thousand dollars, in which he lived, and another worth about eighty thousand dollars, which he rented out. He had other property and resources in proportion. Everything was confiscated, and he finally got out of Cuba almost penniless. Today he will tell you how wonderful he feels it would have been if he had given all he owned to some group like The John Birch Society, if there had been such an organization in Cuba — "and if I had only known what was really happening."

The life you save may be your own - -

We do not want anybody to give all they have to the Society, nor any big fraction of it. But we do want you to know "what is really happening," and to act accordingly. There is such a group in the United States as The John Birch Society, and it *can stop the Communists*, but only if *you*, and others like yourself whom I can reach, also fully understand the danger and really mean business about meeting it.

There is no way I can put any more energy and dedication into the struggle — I am doing all I can. So are literally thousands of our members with middle-class and smaller incomes, who are pouring into Belmont about twelve thousand dollars per day of the fifteen to twenty thousand per day required for our current operation. With anything approaching the same dedication and sacrifice on the part of our wealthy members, who have the most to lose, we would have no problem about money. All of my thought and time could be put on other problems which confront us. And — in my opinion — there would be no question about our winning the total war.

What more can I say? Except that *how soon* we have the money with which to advance, under present circumstances, is almost as important as having it at all. It is a peculiar fact, but true: If you wait to let George do it first, then we shall find that George has waited for you. Whereas, however fully you come in at once on your own initiative, we shall find that George has done the same. And, to quote Chiang Kai-shek in one of his great utterances, we shall give "all that we are and all that we have" to making your sacrifice and your support worth while.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

Robert Welch
For The John Birch Society

Checks may be made out to The John Birch Society, or to *American Opinion*, or to *Correction Please!*, or to Escrow Account No. 78, or to Special Activities Fund. They may be sent as straight contributions, or as five-year loans at five percent interest, to serve our urgent need for working capital. And we shall use every dollar to the very best advantage we can determine, for the cause to which we really are devoting "the whole of our lives." RW

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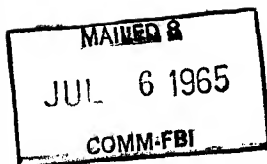
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Dear [Redacted]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of June 29th,
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material available to him.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



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June 30, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Since I was released from the Marine Corps.
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[redacted] who is a chapter president of the John Birch Society in South San Francisco, regularly. When I was with him he'd make some remark about an individual or an organization, which most of the time I would disregard. I always thought I was right, however, after reading "I Saw Poland Betrayed" by Arthur Bliss Lane, "Red Star Over Cuba" by Nathaniel Weyl, I began to doubt my position.

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A close friend of mine [redacted] who is a first year law student at the University of San Francisco said the John Birch Society is a "bunch of radicals".

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I've always respected you and I know you have much information about different organizations in the United States. Could you please tell me if the John Birch Society is an asset or a liability to the United States. Are they a bunch of radicals?

Regardless of what you say, I'm going to show your reply to my cousin and my friend. If what my cousin says is true then I want to show my friend where he is wrong. If what my friend says is true then I won't make the mistake of joining the society and I'll show my cousin where he is in error.

I would also appreciate it if you could tell me the names of the communist front organizations that have Martin Luther King as a member.

Respectfully,

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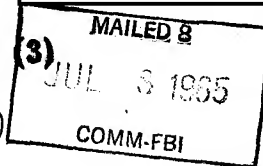
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Dear Sir;

I have been studying our Government and the actions of our government for the past two years with great concern. During conversations with some of my friends, I sometimes have the feeling that I am not talking to an American, even though they profess to be Americans. I am greatly concerned with the Passivism of the American people, and of the tremendous threat of the Communists both in this country and in the rest of the world. I have one friend that believes that we are not living in a Republic. She continually argues that we live in a Democracy. I can not convince her of the difference between the two. I hope that after reading this letter, you will be able to help me become more informed so that I might be of service to my Country in helping those people with whom I come in contact each day become more informed about our Great and wonderful country, and our tremendous form of government, as it was meant to be by our founding Fathers.

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During the past few months I have heard and am still hearing many derogative statements concerning the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY and the AMERICANS for DEMOCRATIC ACTION. I have been asked questions, and have ~~listened~~ listened to statements about these organizations, statements that I could not prove or disprove. To become better informed, so that I could better serve my country I would like to receive from you all of the factual information you might send me on these two organizations.

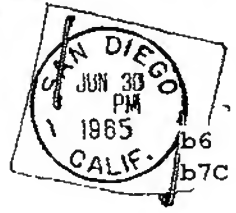
I do not wish to occupy too much of your time, therefore I will close. I will appreciate any help you might give me. I do wish to make one statement, as an American citizen, grateful for the fine work you have done since the organization of the FBI. I wish to tell you that as a citizen of this country I feel that you and the FBI have not received the appreciation of the American people that you deserve. I wish to thank you for the many things you have done for me indirectly and for my country.

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Sincerely and Gratefully,

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San Diego, California 92111

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of June 30th, and it was good of you to express kind sentiments concerning my administration of the FBI.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire.

It is most encouraging to learn of your concern for and interest in our Government. The young people of our Nation must persevere in their studies if they are to become the leaders of tomorrow. In this regard, you may wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to help readers gain an insight into the true nature of communist activities, both in this country and abroad. They may be available at your local library.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Since inquiry was made concerning the John Birch Society as well as the Americans for Democratic Action, the customary statement that we have not investigated the John Birch Society has been deleted, since it may be inferred that we have investigated the other group.

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Portsmouth, Virginia 23704
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

The Chapter of The John Birch Society to which I belong is planning to set up a committee to support our local police in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.

We would appreciate any literature or information that could be furnished us to help us in this endeavor. We would like to supply each policeman, detective, etc. with an individual packet of information. We have 141 on the force.

If there is material, which you feel we should have, but that is not available for free distribution from your Bureau, please advise us where it can be purchased.

Sincerely yours,

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They need it. The Communists know, as the American people do not, that the city and community police forces now constitute one of the most important remaining obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and at first invisible, establishment of the mechanics of their Communist police state. The local working police are the best friends everywhere, of anti-Communists like ourselves, because they constantly run up against all of the dirty tactics of the Communists, and of the dupes and allies of the Communists, in their respective areas.

For this reason there has been a subtle, but now increasingly bolder and more extensive effort, to harass and discredit local police forces and their individual members, going on in the country for more than a decade. Just one illustration was the CBS television show, The Biography Of A Bookie Joint, which was designed to make all working "cops" look like grafting bums; and which has been proved by a thorough later investigation to have been basically as phony as was the "interview" with your Founder in Santa Barbara two years ago, that CBS broadcast all over the country. (We revealed the true facts about this incredibly dirty and deliberate distortion in an earlier bulletin, and reprinted those paragraphs in a thin leaflet as The Story Of A Hoax.) And we could fill this bulletin with other illustrations.

This support of their local police by all good citizens everywhere is going to become especially important now that Communist-inspired racial riots are getting to be a regular part of the American scene. The police will be "crucified" by the Liberals, in the press and over the airwaves, for practically everything they do in the line of duty. And this will be true no matter how circumspectly they handle themselves, nor with what careful restraint they use their authority, in connection with every large or small outbreak of civil disorder which the Communist plotters can produce.

Nor will the Communists nor even their Liberal dupes leave to chance the supply of grist for their mills of distortion. The police chief of Birmingham was doing a superb job of maintaining law and order in the midst of a hot situation, while letting thousand of Negroes march and hundreds of white people protest all they wished. He merely set up a line of police, protected by their police dogs, to keep the two groups apart. And peace was maintained day after day, while the level heads of the city, both white and colored, got together and tried to solve the problems underlying the turmoil. But this was the last thing that the instigators of the trouble wanted; and when incidents didn't arise, incidents had to be created. So a carefully planned tableau was enacted. While cameras were poised and ready to catch the show at the right instant, one or more hotheads or dupes among the Negroes went up to the line and deliberately kicked one or more of the dogs. The result was a

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picture, plastered in the papers all over the United States (and on the front page of the Boston Herald, of course), of a policeman barely holding onto a dog which was straining at the leash to attack a Negro among the Birmingham "civil rights" advocates in Birmingham.

There were no other results of the incident except the picture, which was the glorious piece of propaganda that the Communists wanted. But it shows you what the police will be up against everywhere in simply trying, as calmly as possible under the circumstances, to maintain law and order. The Federal Marshals, for another illustration, not only were not needed in Oxford, Mississippi for that purpose, but actually created most of the rioting -- as they obviously were intended to do. But of course the more the local police, anywhere or everywhere, can be discredited, the more willing the gullible American people will be to accept the entry of Federal troops as necessary to put down rioting.

Among the more carefully plotted schemes for harassing the police, discrediting individual policemen, and discouraging all those who might want to do their duty, has been the setting up of Police Review Boards -- to which many gullible dogooders and bleeding hearts have been giving support. Their chief function, in practice anyway if not in theory, is to make every individual police officer scared to death, as to every action he takes even in dealing with vicious criminals in emergency situations, of being called before some board weeks or months later, and condemned with loss of pay or maybe loss of job, for having been too unkind to the poor wayward unfortunates who were about to shoot him in the back, or stamp in his face, when he tried to interfere with their waywardness.

We shall return to this whole theme in later bulletins. At present we suggest simply that you

(a) Oppose the continuance or establishment of Police Review Boards.

(b) When you come across questionable criticism of your local police by some Liberal editor or nice-Nellie commentator, find out the real facts if you can. Usually the fellow officers of those being criticized will give you the unvarnished truth. Then if you find the criticism to have been unjustified, write and put the record straight.

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[Redacted Address]

Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of June 30th, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, budgetary limitations of this Bureau preclude my furnishing you material in volume. There are no provisions whereby the FBI can accept remuneration for publications; therefore, I trust you will understand my inability to be of aid.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

A few of the local members of The John Birch Society have formed
"The ~~X~~ Palm Beach County Committee to Support Your Local Police".

The purpose of this project is strictly educational ,as are all Palm Beach
projects of the John Birch Society. You might call this committee to Florida
support the local police a "front" ; it will never use the society's
name .I'm enclosing; a copy of our educational flyer; as you see , it
tells our story in a simple straightforward manner.

My job on this committee will be to contact prominent local community
leaders to win their support for our crusade. For this purpose we are
gathering educational material to be left with these gentlemen to be
read at their leisure. So far we have the interview with Chief Parker
of the Los Angeles Police (Manion Forum , May 30) and a fine article
"OUR POLICE" which appeared in American Opinion last month.

It would be of immeasurable benefit to us at this time to have copies
of your speeches in which you discuss the police review boards and in
general the efforts of the Communists to discredit and destroy the
effectiveness of the local police. We are hopefull of getting our
campaign well underway before the long hot summer that King has up his
sleeves begins.

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Please let me thank you most sincerely for any help you can give us.

Respectfully yours,

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PALM BEACH COUNTY

The ~~Alabama~~ Committee To Support Your Local Police

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Support your local police. They need it. The Communists know, as the American people do not, that the city and community police forces now constitute one of the most important remaining obstacles to the gradual, insidious, and at first invisible, establishment of the mechanics of their Communist state.

The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's booklet, *A Communist Plot Against The Free World Police*, said: "Our Police are among the foremost guardians of freedom and thus a major target of the Communists." In testimony about Communist efforts to destroy the police in other countries the booklet said: "A smear campaign attempted to discredit the leaders among the rank and file . . . the Communist press specializes in playing up and discrediting all police action against rioters and mobs."

There has been a subtle, but now increasingly bolder and more extensive effort, to harass and discredit local police forces and their individual members, going on in the country for more than a decade. In addition to their regular crime work-load, the police are faced with problems in the community created by probable Communist agitators.

Among the more carefully plotted schemes for harassing the police, discrediting individual policemen, and discouraging all those who might want to do their duty, has been the setting up of Police Review Boards, or similarly named groups—to which many gullible do-gooders and bleeding hearts, have been giving support. Their chief function, in practice anyway, if not in theory, is to make every individual police officer scared to death, as to every action he takes even in dealing with vicious criminals in emergency situations, of being called before some board weeks or months later, and condemned with loss of pay or maybe loss of job, for having been too unkind to the poor wayward unfortunates who were about to shoot him in the back, or stamp in his face, when he tried to interfere with their waywardness.

In the January 1, 1965 FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin in regards to these Review Boards, J. Edgar Hoover wrote: "When carefully considered, it is clear this drive for external boards is an ill-advised maneuver. It amounts to the usurpation of authority rightfully belonging to the police commander. It is a practice which could damage effective law enforcement and reduce the orderly processes of community life to petty bickering, suspicion, and hatred."

Support of their local law-enforcement agencies by all good citizens everywhere is going to become especially important now that possibly Communist inspired racial riots are getting to be a regular part of the American scene.

We suggest the following programs: 1. Cooperate fully with all law-enforcement agencies at all times. 2. Oppose the continuance or establishment of Police Review Boards. 3. When you come across questionable criticism of your local law-enforcement agencies by some "do-gooder" or "nice-Nellie," find out the real facts if you can. Usually the fellow officers of those being criticized will give you the unvarnished truth. Then if you find the criticism to have been unjustified, put the record straight. 4. Distribute, as widely as possible these pamphlets and the "Support Your Local Police" bumper stickers.

~~THE~~ **PALM BEACH COUNTY**
THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POLICE

~~P.O. Box 1814, Birmingham, Alabama~~

Reprints available: 50-500, 2¢ ea.; 1,000 or more, 1.5¢ ea.

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July 13, 1965

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[Redacted Address]

Palm Beach, Florida

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of July 6th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your request, I am enclosing material which I hope you will find of interest. I regret that budgetary limitations of this Bureau will not permit me to send you copies in volume.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Attention SAC: Correspondent wrote to me in 1964 commending my stand regarding Martin Luther King. In July of this year he requested information regarding the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. By letter dated 7-6-65 he was advised of the confidential nature of our files.

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J. EDGAR:

PLEASE NOTE. I KNOW YOUR HANDS ARE TIED, BUT I HOPE THAT YOU ARE BEING ETERNALLY VIGILANT AND WILL PRESS THIS MATTER WITH YOUR CHIEF, LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON. OR WILL IT DO YOU ANY GOOD TO PRESS THE MATTER? BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN COMBATting THE COMMIES.



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TWO REVOLUTIONS AT ONCE

by

Robert Welch

The farmer had seen many pictures of a giraffe. But he simply refused to believe them. His insistence that the giraffe was purely a product of somebody's mischievous imagination was repeated until it became an obsession with him. Then one day, while the circus was in town, a giraffe slipped his moorings and eventually wound up out in the country, hungrily grazing the top leaves of a tree in this farmer's front yard. Just as several attendants from the circus, and a number of excited neighbors, were closing in on the scene, one such neighbor dashed into the house through the back door. In urgent tones he explained what was happening. Reluctantly, the farmer came out of his front door and took a good look at the whole tableau, including the browsing giraffe only ten feet away. "Pfui," said the farmer, turning on his heels and going back into the house, "what a lot of nonsense over nothing. I still say that there ain't no such animal."

Unlike the farmer in the above fable, a preponderant majority of the American people will not even take a good look at the beast known as Communism; not even when that beast has gone on a vicious and dangerous rampage right in their own yard. When we begin these pages with two or three statements of simple and historical truth, many good people whose minds we would like to reach will immediately drop the pamphlet in the wastebasket. They have now acquired such a vested interest in the error that "there ain't no such animal," as to shy away at once from any chance of being confused by the facts.

For those who are honest enough, however, and reasonable enough, to be willing to listen, let's review very briefly the whole story now known as "civil rights." To the informed we shall offer nothing new. To the uninformed we shall offer nothing doubtful. We shall simply try to repeat, summarize, and synthesize some of the known facts that

are necessary for an understanding of the horror that is now upon us.

The action could plausibly be said to have begun on the Pacific coast of Asia, some forty-five years ago. But the thinking and planning behind this action go much further back. The whole concept was rooted in one of the original and biggest of all the Communist "big lies." This lie is that Communism is an uprising of the downtrodden masses against bosses who exploit them. The record is absolutely clear that precisely the opposite is true. Communism is always imposed from the top down, never achieved from the bottom up. The idea that Communism is sought by the masses, who are prevented from having it by reactionary upper classes, is one of those exact reversals of the truth which are so customary and so useful in Communist strategy.

In its now completely visible reality, Communism is simply and wholly a conspiracy of ruthless and powerful crimi-

nals, in the very top social, economic, educational, and political circles of their respective countries and of the whole world. The objective of these conspirators is to increase their power and extend it downward until their international Communist hierarchy has established a rigid and absolute tyranny over the total population of our planet. The condition of the masses, as these "masters of deceit" are fully aware, will always and everywhere actually be made worse by Communist success, in every country which they subjugate and add to their empire of slaves. And if you do not think that this reversal of the truth has anything to do with American "civil rights," you are badly mistaken.

For out of this Basic Big Lie evolved the strategy of "anti-colonialism"—sometimes known by such other names as "national liberation" and "anti-imperialism" and "self-determination." The supposedly oppressed native populations of other continents, ruled or dominated and "exploited" by the "imperialistic" nations of Europe, were to be stirred into demands for their freedom and independence. This derivative of the Big Lie involved, in itself, two lies of immense importance. In the first place, with regard to the premise: By 1920, the French in Indochina or in Algeria, the Dutch in Indonesia, the Belgians in the Congo, and other "imperialistic" powers, were giving their colonial subjects a very enlightened and benevolent rule indeed. They were gradually raising the standard of living, the level of education, the exercise of individual freedom and responsibility, and the participation of the natives in their own local governments, as rapidly as these advances of civilization could be absorbed.

This process was not necessarily nor primarily the result of any noble or altruistic forces at work. It was developing

automatically from an enlightened self-interest; and from the commercial progress in colonial areas which was being promoted by pioneers from the mother countries, to the advantage of the native populations as well as of themselves. As a consequence of the total influences which were prevalent, the natives were coming more and more to regard themselves as actual or potential citizens of, and certainly as loyal parts and members of, those great empires of which London or Paris or Lisbon or the Hague might be the capital. There was no more spontaneous demand or natural desire for "independence" among any of these colonial peoples in 1920 than there was among the French-speaking Canadians in 1950 or the American Negroes in 1955. The whole appearance of these "separatist" movements had to be artificially created.

In the second place, with regard to the pretended objective: The "independence" to be achieved was intended to be, and in fact always became, merely a temporary transition stage between an enlightened Western European "colonialism" and the infinitely brutal Soviet colonialism. Each new emerging nation, like Indonesia or Algeria, was allowed to go through the motions and to carry on the pretense of being independent, merely as a step on the way to becoming a recognized part of the Soviet *colonial* empire. And again, both the material and spiritual living conditions of these "colonial" peoples have always been made drastically worse than before the Communists began interfering in their affairs.

Just imagine, for instance, how wonderful it would seem today to the inhabitants of Ghana under Kwame Nkrumah, or to those of North Vietnam under Ho Chi Minh, if they could be back under the peaceful and benign colonial rule, respectively, of England and of France.

Communism has brought horror and misery and slavery to all such peoples before whom it held up the lure of "freedom and independence." Yet, as already indicated, it was as early as 1920—two years before the U.S.S.R. itself was even established—that the Communists were sending their agents up and down eastern Asia, from Mukden to Singapore, to begin agitation among the "colonial" peoples for "freedom and independence." And by 1927 the first worldwide Communist front, The League Against Imperialism, was founded in Brussels, Belgium to promote this same theme. Among the leaders who established this Communist propaganda agency were Albert Einstein from Germany, Romain Rolland from France, J. Nehru from India, and Mohammed Hatta from Indonesia. The whole concern of the "League," of course, was with the horrid imperialism practiced by the Western European nations (and by the United States!!). You can be sure that this League and these men had no slightest worry about Soviet imperialism.

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Let us reassure you once again that we really are still dealing with the immediate background to, and even important elements of, the American "civil rights" movement. As will become clear in due course. But first we need to show how this "anti-colonialism" strategy has worked in actual operation. And Algeria offers an excellent case history for that purpose.

In 1954 there were in Algeria approximately 8,000,000 native Moslems; 1,250,000 French settlers or descendants of French settlers; and 250,000 Jews—many of whom, or whose ancestors, had also come from France. (This last fact proved eventually to be of considerable value to the anti-Communist cause. For few developments have served more effectively

to wake up intelligent Jews in other countries to the realities of Communism, as against the falsehoods being fed to them, than what happened to their co-religionists in Algeria.) French citizens with pioneer instincts had been moving across the Mediterranean into Algeria since 1830. They had carried with them the purposes, knowledge, and methods needed to convert this northern edge of the Sahara Desert into a great commercial and civilized part of the French empire. And they were rapidly integrating the native Moslems into every phase of this happy development.

Algeria was not even, technically, a colony—as were Tunisia or Guinea—but consisted legally of several additional "departments" of France itself. The Moslem natives had come to regard themselves as "French," and were increasingly proud of being a part of the French nation. And as late as 1954 there were not five percent of the total population of Algeria who had the slightest interest in forming an "independent" country of their own—any more than there are five percent of the American Negroes with any such interest today.

But the time had come when it fitted into over-all Communist plans to apply the anti-colonialism strategy to this area. So a murderous guerrilla band was formed under a Communist criminal named Ben Bella, and was given the high-sounding title of the "Federation for National Liberation"—or FLN. Then the standard formula which lies at the center of this Communist strategy was put to work. Enough natives had to be persuaded by propaganda, or terrorized by atrocities, or impelled by the combination, into supporting this "national liberation" movement, or into appearing to do so, to give some semblance of a "civil war." And the FLN campaign for that purpose developed into guerrilla

activities averaging some twenty atrocities per day for the next seven years.

Of course the French Government, under fully as much Communist influence as ours is under now, was in many ways a clandestine partner to the actions and purposes of the FLN. So the people of France were told, by *government and press*, about atrocities being perpetrated by the FLN in Algeria *on the French settlers there and on French Army personnel*. These would seem to be the actions of a revolutionary people almost fanatically fighting for their independence. Neither the French people, nor the American people and the rest of the world, were allowed to learn that practically the total effort of the FLN guerrillas was spent in afflicting atrocities on their fellow Moslems, who wanted no part of any such revolution. For this would have given the show away.

In time, these pro-Communist forces in France made their one big mistake of sending Jacques Soustelle to Algeria as Governor General. Because of his extremely Liberal and pro-de Gaulle background, it was assumed that Soustelle would be entirely sympathetic to the FLN. As he clearly was, when he first took up his new duties. His attitude seems to have been about as follows: Well, it is certainly too bad that these revolutionary troops are killing French army officers. But after all, they are seeking the independence of their country, and the French army is the force preventing that independence. So what can you expect? And it is too bad that these revolutionary troops should be killing some French settlers. But these settlers undoubtedly have a feudal attitude that stands in the way of independence, so who can blame the FLN? You cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs, nor achieve the independence of a nation without shedding blood.

But Jacques Soustelle happened to be intellectually honest. And in the course of a very few months he discovered, to his amazement, certain incontrovertible truths about the whole situation, that had been unknown to him and to most of the people in France. These included the following.

(1) There *was* no revolutionary force in Algeria that amounted to anything in a military sense. The FLN could be completely wiped out by the French army there, at any time the army was instructed or even allowed to do so. In fact, the FLN *was* practically wiped out on several occasions, but was promptly restored as a guerrilla force through reinforcements kept in Morocco or Tunisia for that purpose.

(2) The atrocities which the FLN were able to inflict on French army personnel were relatively few and far between. They consisted primarily of the occasional capture of some detached individual officer, who would then be deliberately crippled and maimed, and carted around the country side in a slatted cage too small for his body. This was to show the natives the supposed contempt of the FLN for the French army, and what might happen to anybody who opposed the FLN.

(3) The atrocities which the FLN perpetrated on the French settlers were also comparatively few, because the FLN did not have the force to get at these victims through the protection provided by the French army and the loyal natives. The FLN was primarily capable of sudden hit-and-run attacks on isolated native villages.

(4) The numerous and cruel atrocities of the FLN "revolutionaries," which constituted almost their whole occupation, were inflicted on their fellow native Moslems — for the purpose we have indicated above.

(5) There was no real sentiment for revolution, nor for independence, nor for

separation from France, among the native population at all — except as the Communists were able to coerce and simulate such sentiment through their threats, pressures, and cruelties.

(6) The opposition to the FLN and loyalty to France amid the native Moslems, wherever they had the opportunity to show that loyalty or the strength to stand in opposition — as among the thirty thousand tightly knit followers of one famous Moslem leader, the Bachaga Boualam — were overwhelming.

(7) But the pretense that this was honestly a civil war for "freedom and independence"; the maintenance of a "provisional revolutionary government" of Algeria under Nasser's wing in Cairo; these and all other parts of the great deception were being maintained in order to support the propaganda and diplomatic pressures throughout the world — and especially in and through the United Nations — for Algerian "independence." This independence — meaning the turning of Algeria over to the Communist rule of the FLN regime under Ben Bella — was to be won, as it eventually was won, by *negotiations*. And these negotiations were to be made plausible, or at least possible, through these spurious claims given substance only by terror.

As a result of these discoveries and revelations, Soustelle soon became the most determined and powerful fighter for keeping Algeria French, and against the Communist capture of this "colony." But it was too late, and the total forces against him were too strong. Members of the international Communist conspiracy, in the United Nations, in Moscow, in the French government, and in our government, all working in smooth concert and each one knowing exactly what he was doing — while confusing everybody else by deception within deception and pretense on top of pretense

— had all resistance too completely stymied and under control.

Eventually tens of thousands of the finest officers and men in the French army, seeing themselves being deliberately betrayed by de Gaulle, took the desperate step of forming the OAS (Secret Army Organization), to try to save Algeria from Communist hands. But their leader, General Salan, was too patriotic to carry this struggle to metropolitan France itself. De Gaulle used that major part of the French army which, however reluctantly and bitterly, still followed the "route of discipline," to help the FLN to destroy the OAS. Just as the Administration in Washington is visibly planning to use the U. S. Army, to whatever extent necessary, to suppress opposition to the leaders of the Negro Revolutionary Movement in the South. And de Gaulle and his fellow Communists finally carried out their aim, at Evian, of *negotiating* all of Algeria into the Communist hands of Ben Bella's FLN, as a supposedly "free and independent" nation.

Then began those continuous tortures and cruel massacres of tens of thousands of the Harkis. These were the native Algerian Moslems, including members of the local police forces, who had been most faithful to France—of which terror, incidentally, you have read practically nothing in your American press. This is simply a preview of what the NRM — the Negro Revolutionary Movement — will do to the people of the South, both white and black but especially the blacks, who oppose their treasonous movement, if and when they succeed in setting up their "free and independent" Negro Soviet Republic out of our southern states.

Also to be noted, as of great importance in the parallel which we are attempting to foreshadow, is another Communist

accomplishment. The various steps and developments over several years, by which this complete betrayal of a part of France was ultimately accomplished, were such that the final result served as a terrific demoralization to the anti-Communist leadership, and boost to the Communist forces, in Metropolitan France itself. The specific "revolution" in Algeria was made to serve as a vital part of the broader "proletarian" revolution being conducted by the French Communists at home. The anti-colonialism *racket*, in and with regard to Algeria, had not only made a Communist colony out of this former French "colony," but had tremendously undermined the mother country as well. And this should be kept vividly in mind, in connection with the *two simultaneous revolutions* which the Communists actually boast that they are now carrying on within the United States.

III

Now, with this highly condensed introduction, we must come to the application of identically the same Communist formula to a part of the United States — as Algeria was a part of France. Remember that the Communists always use every possible difference in language, color, race, or religion out of which to create bitterness, turmoil, civil disorders, and as much semblance of civil war as they can. In Algeria they had a slight color difference, a stronger racial difference, and a complete religious difference, on which to build their evil machinations. In the United States they have a complete color and racial difference; and at times have probably been behind the attempt, through the Black Muslim movement, to bring a religious difference into play if they can.

There are many other correspondences in the two situations. And without grasping the parallel, or the more important fact that a general formula, utilized by

the Communists over and over in other parts of the world with only such adaptations as local circumstances make necessary, has been applied to an area of France and is now being applied to an area of the United States — without understanding this background there is no chance of understanding what is really taking place in our southern states today.

The League Against Imperialism, you will recall, was put together by the Communists in 1927. And by the next year the Soviets were ready to make clear to the comrades in America that exactly the same theme of "anti-colonialism" was to be applied in this country, with respect to the Negro population in the southeastern quarter. The Negroes were to be regarded as an oppressed and exploited *colony*, who should be stirred and agitated — and eventually terrorized — into an appearance of seeking their "freedom and independence."

The official line was laid down in the booklet, *American Negro Problems*, by John Pepper, published in 1928. Pepper was one of the many aliases used by Moscow's agent, Joseph Pogany, who had been one of the top men in the incredibly cruel but short-lived Bela Kun Communist regime in Hungary. He was now sent by Stalin to the United States, specifically to lay the groundwork for the agitation which would eventually develop into a Negro Revolutionary Movement in America. In his booklet you will find such passages as the following.

"The Workers (Communist) Party of America, in its fight against imperialism, must recognize clearly the tremendous revolutionary possibilities of the liberation movement of the Negro people."

The word Communist, in parentheses, to identify clearly The Workers Party, appears as above in the original. Also, note the key words "against imperialism," and "liberation," of the world-wide Communist program and propaganda.

"The 'black belt' of the south . . . constitutes virtually a colony within the body of the United States of America."

The italics are in the original, because this sentence sets forth the core of the Communist strategy.

"The Communist Party of America must recognize the right of national self-determination for the Negroes and must respect their own decision about the form of the realization of this self-determination. The Negro Communists should emphasize in their propaganda *the establishment of a Negro Soviet Republic.*"

Here, handed down in permanent form by one of the most vicious Communist murderers Moscow has ever employed (but also one of the most brilliant), was the directive for the long range program in our country which is still being carried out today. And despite a certain hedging by the Communists at present about their ultimate aims—exactly as Mao Tse-tung and Sukarno and Castro hedged for a considerable period, at one point in their careers, about being Soviet agents—the final terroristic stage of that program is right now getting under way in what the Communists call the "black-belt states."

The hedging became strategically advisable for a number of reasons. One was that as a whole the Negroes in America, even in the South, have so much higher living standards and are so much more literate than were the "oppressed natives" in any other so-called "colony" anywhere

else in the world. So that the means of communication among them, and between them and the remainder of their country, were so much greater and more pervasive than had been the case for the natives of Indonesia or the savages of Ghana.

Another reason was that the percentage of their supposed "oppressors"—namely, the white people of the South—was so much larger than had been, for instance, the percentage of Frenchmen in Algeria to the Moslem population. And still another was that there were millions of Negroes in Harlem and Chicago and other northern cities, whom the Communists wanted to agitate, and embitter over supposed grievances, and utilize their general plans for subversion of the country as a whole. Because of these and various other circumstances, the idea of converting the Dixie states into a Negro Soviet Republic was harder to promote, and had more embarrassing ramifications and disadvantages, than did the fraudulent theme of "self-determination" for the Moslems in Algeria or the "colonial" peoples anywhere else.

So this hedging was begun, and this problem for the Communists of what they at first called "the two aspects of the revolution which is developing in this country," was given an official solution in another booklet, published in 1934. It bore the very carefully chosen title of *The Negroes In A Soviet America*, and was written by the Communists James W. Ford and James S. Allen. The latter part of the booklet discusses "The Combination of Two Revolutions," and contains such passages as the following.

"The revolution for land and freedom in the South and the proletarian revolution in the country as a whole will develop hand in hand. Each will lend strength and support to the

other. The working class—both white and Negro—will lead both."

Here a touch of the old Communist formula of "agrarian reform" is being added to the brew.

"Revolution is not a matter of our own choosing. It is forced upon us by capitalism itself, which degrades us, grinds us down into the dust, makes life unbearable."

The twenty million Negroes in America undoubtedly own more automobiles, more bathtubs, and more television sets—and more freedom and more opportunity—than all of the Negroes on the continent of Africa and all of the two hundred million residents of Soviet Russia put together. But the Communists never allow such facts to interfere with their propaganda.

"The Negro Communist is first and foremost the exponent of the proletarian revolution, for he realizes that this alone will guarantee not only freedom for the Negro but also emancipation of all toilers."

Exactly the way they have been "emancipated," of course, in Soviet Russia.

"The Communists fight for the right of the Black Belt territory to self-determination. This means not only that the Negro people shall no longer be oppressed but also shall come into their rightful position as the majority of the population in the Black Belt. It means equally the right of the Black Belt republic freely to determine its relations to the United States. (Our italics.)"

"One cannot tell in advance under what circumstances the question of the right of self-determination for the Negro people in the Black Belt will

arise for definite solution. There are two distinct possibilities.

"First: The revolution in the plantation country might mature sooner than the proletarian revolution in the country as a whole. . . . Under these circumstances the Communists in the Black Belt would favor, and would do everything in their power to win the laboring people of the Black Belt to favor, complete independence from the capitalist-ruled republic of the North.

"Second: The proletarian revolution may overthrow capitalism and establish a Soviet Government for the country as a whole before the revolution comes to a head in the Black Belt. However it must be kept in mind that the two phases of the revolution will not develop separately. . . . One of the first steps of the central Soviet government will be to grant the right of self-determination to the Negro people in the Black Belt.

"This would mean that the Negro people of the Black Belt will have the right to choose for themselves between federation with or separation from the United States as a whole."

Whichever the Communists can bring about first, a total Soviet America, or a separate Soviet Negro Republic, and whether the Soviet Negro Republic chooses to remain entirely separate from or affiliated with the Soviet United States—when both have been established—

"... the actual extent of this new Republic . . . would be certain to include such cities as Richmond and Norfolk, Va., Columbus and Charleston, S.C., Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah and Macon, Georgia, Montgomery, Alabama, New Orleans and Shreveport, La., Little Rock, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee."

The new government of this Soviet Negro Republic will arise in the form of local "Soviets" (that is, committees), to be formed while the revolution to establish "freedom and independence" is in process.

"The Soviets which will arise in the old South will be somewhat as follows: They will arise locally, here and there, as the revolution starts, and spread as it develops further. Let us try to picture the composition of one of these Soviets, which will hold power in a certain locality. On this Soviet there will be representatives of the sharecroppers, tenants and wage-workers of the plantation; then representatives, let us say, of the workers in a local sawmill or of a fertilizer plant, cotton gin, cotton-seed oil factory, or nearby textile mill; there might be one or two poor and small landowners. This Soviet will represent the interests of the workers from the mills and plantations and the poor farmers. It will embody the alliance between the worker and the poor farmers. It will be a dictatorship of these classes, using its power to defend the gains of the revolution and defeat all attempts of the former plantation masters and capitalists at counter-revolution. . . . As the gains of the revolution are consolidated these Soviet territories will unite to form the new Soviet Negro Republic."

And there, my friends, is both an explanation of the present turmoil and a preview of the future horror in our Dixie States. Identically the same formula of coercion by terror will be used, gradually and increasingly, to create some semblance of support for this "revolution" among the Negroes themselves, as was used on the Moslems in Algeria—even though at least ninety-five percent of those southern Negroes will have wanted no part in any such "separatist" or "liberation"

movement. Exactly the same diet of lies about what is really taking place in the South will be fed—and is already being fed—to the people of the rest of the United States, as was given them for years about the Communist FLN activities in Algeria, so as to gain "bleeding heart" public-opinion support of all kinds of fantastic governmental and "diplomatic" moves on behalf of these noble seekers of "freedom and independence."

The same horror is deliberately planned, and will be systematically developed, in the South, as took place in Algeria and in dozens of other "colonial" areas of the world. A government in Washington dominated by Communist influences as completely as was the French government under de Gaulle and his predecessors will be doing everything it can and dares to help this "revolutionary movement" and these Communist purposes, always while pretending to be trying to prevent them—exactly as did de Gaulle. And despite all of the murders and vandalism which will be perpetrated on the white landowners and community leaders of every kind in the South, the Negroes themselves will be by far the greatest sufferers—both during the "revolution" and after it is successful—exactly as was the case for the Moslems in Algeria.

In due course, however, and at the proper point, the hedging and the pretense of change had to go even further. The time came for the Communists to bring about overt steps of national importance, such as the Supreme Court school-segregation decision of 1954 and the sending of federal troops into Arkansas, by Eisenhower in 1958, which were designed to make the Negroes in the South feel that they were an oppressed colony and to create militant sympathy for the downtrodden colonial subjects throughout the rest of the nation. And the backlash from demands for a separate and "independent"

Negro Soviet Republic were going to be too much of a load for their propaganda to carry. It was obviously wise for the Communists to wait until they had built up a suitable basis of turmoil in the South, and of confused Liberal sentiment elsewhere in the nation, and until the Communist influence over our Federal Government was complete enough, before they could or should begin the FLN type of operation here. Otherwise, while the Negro Revolutionary Movement in the South itself might proceed all right by forced-draft propulsion according to formula, too much damage might be done to the broader "proletarian" national revolution, where great delicacy and deception were still needed.

So, while the Communists had reiterated their demand and support for a Negro Soviet Republic in 1951, in a mimeographed broadside of which they themselves claimed to have distributed a million copies, in 1959 it was felt that a sharp repudiation of this position was imperative. And thus, at the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party USA, December 10 to 13, 1959, in the midst of gloating over the way Eisenhower's invitation to Khrushchev and Khrushchev's resulting state visit to our country had made it possible for the comrades to gain more influence in America, the Convention passed a resolution discarding the Party's historic position in advocacy of "self-determination" for Negroes.

This resolution was discussed by J. Edgar Hoover, in a ten-page printed statement issued on January 26, 1960 by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. In this statement Mr. Hoover made the comment: "Time itself has shown that the [Communist] party is not interested in the welfare of the Negro, but only in using him as a tool to advance party interests." Then the Communist "theo-

retical and political magazine," *Political Affairs*, devoted an article of fifteen pages in its February 1960 issue to a new look, "On The Negro Question in the United States," as a result of, and to explain, this ostensible about-face in Communist policy. This article insisted that the role of the Negroes in the total proletarian revolution in the United States had to be given primary consideration and emphasis. With regard to "this particular program" [namely, the demand for a Black Belt Soviet Republic], *Political Affairs* said that "Life experience and greater knowledge of the question have exposed its deficiencies and for this reason the 'self-determination' projection and program for the solution of the Negro question in the United States is hereby discarded."

But do not jump to any conclusions regarding this maneuver. In our opinion it was a brilliant temporary expedient, but only that. Even in this very article in *Political Affairs*, the Communists laid the groundwork for future doubling back with such italicized passages as the following: "*The question of Negro freedom is the crucial domestic issue of the day and a factor of international consequence.*" Even more important is the fact that, as recently as June of 1964, the Executive Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., had a quiet new distribution made of the Ford and Allen opus of 1934. Obviously this was a way of emphasizing to the most important and most alert comrades that this booklet still set forth the strategy and the tactics of the future. And you might refresh your mind about the significance of that gesture, as to what to expect from the NRM (Negro Revolutionary Movement) in the years ahead, by going back and reading our quotations above from the booklet in question — especially those that we have italicized.

IV

For convenience, let's refer to the total "proletarian" drive for subversion of the United States as Revolution A, and to the Negro Revolutionary Movement as Revolution N. As the Communists shift emphasis back and forth from one revolution to the other, there is no basic change indicated — by the article in *Political Affairs* or anywhere else — in the action program itself with regard to the American Negro. The change is only in the slogan under which that action program is to be carried forward. To promote primarily Revolution N, the slogan had been, and we feel sure in time will be again, "self-determination," or "national liberation," or the demand for a Negro Soviet Republic; all of which, in Communist semantics, mean the same thing. To utilize agitation among Negroes, and propaganda about the oppression of Negroes, primarily in support of Revolution A, the slogan long has been "Civil Rights."

Since the early 1950's, or quite a while before the 1959 Communist Convention repudiating "self-determination," the "civil rights" theme has been predominant. This may mean either that the Communists found the going for Revolution N tougher than they had expected, or the successful progress of Revolution A even more rapid than they had hoped. But in any event the Communist design, control, and uses of the "civil rights" movement remain equally clear. The program is as phony, in both premise and purpose, as was Mao Tse-tung's program under the slogan of "agrarian reform" — which supplied the Communist formula applicable to the present situation. The atrocities perpetrated by Mao Tse-tung on hundreds of thousands of Chinese peasants were just as cruel, whether he was trying to terrorize them into supporting "agrarian reform" or "self-determination." And the Commu-

nist propaganda in any case is just as deceptive, and just as effective in rallying the support of uninformed and gullible idealists outside the reach of these atrocities, whether it is based on "self-determination" or "agrarian reform" or "civil rights."

It does not really matter too much, therefore, which of the two concurrent "revolutions" the Communists are pushing harder at any given moment or how many times they reverse their lines — as they did with regard to being an enemy, then a bosom friend, and then again an enemy, of Adolph Hitler, all in a period of a few months. It does not really matter whether or not, as we believe to be the case, the steps now taken under the slogan of "civil rights" can be made to fit into the progress of the NRM towards a Black Belt Soviet Republic. The important point is that the whole present "civil rights" drive, in both action and propaganda, consists of the most deceptive, fantastic, and incredible hypocrisy that has ever been put on display in American history.

The whole matrix of agitation, turmoil, rioting, and propaganda, which is currently designated by the phrase "civil rights," was never more accurately described than by the man who is now President of the United States. In a speech delivered in Austin, Texas, on May 22, 1948, Lyndon B. Johnson, obviously seeking to build up the Southern backing which would eventually land him in the White House, made this statement: "The civil rights program, about which you have heard so much, is a farce and a sham — an effort to set up a police state in the guise of liberty. I am opposed to that program. I fought it in the Congress. It is the province of the state to run its own elections."

This analysis was eminently correct in

every particular. It is still entirely correct. There has been no change since then, in either the so-called civil rights program itself, nor in the Constitutionally guaranteed rights of the states to run their own elections. The change lies solely in Lyndon B. Johnson; or, more specifically, in the political course and pronouncements which now seem to him to serve best his present political purposes and ambitions.

As to the condition of the American Negro, which the Communists have been shouting that they were going to improve so much by applying on this continent the *successful* (!!) Soviet principles and procedures, it is well to ponder a statement written on January 24, 1948, by a famous New Orleans Liberal, Edgar B. Stern. This good citizen was himself favorably disposed towards much of the civil rights program, if it could be kept from Communist domination. Mr. Stern simply did not realize that the whole program was a product and tool of Communist strategy, into the support of which gullible idealists like himself had been pulled by Communist planning, propaganda, and deception. But being intellectually honest, Mr. Stern saw and stated an important truth: "I would say without hesitation that the most humble Negro in America has greater security of life and person than any citizen of Russia or of its satellite countries." And Mr. Stern could also have added correctly that in 1948 the average American Negro had both a great deal more personal freedom, and a far higher material standard of living, than the average Russian, after a generation of all that glorious progress the Communists were claiming.

Since 1948 there have been some important changes with regard to the conditions of the American Negro.

(1) The educational opportunities of

the Negroes in our southern states have been tremendously improved. Some of these states have been spending as much as fifty percent of their total school budget on Negro schools, while deriving only fifteen percent of the money for that purpose from taxes paid by the Negro population. And this pattern was started long before, not because of, the 1954 Supreme Court school decision, and the agitation which surrounded and followed that decision.

(2) The job opportunities for Negroes, and the progress of Negroes in the business and professional fields, have markedly increased. This has been despite a determined undercover effort by the Communists to prevent this trend. For, as Manning Johnson pointed out, from his own knowledge and experience as a former high official of the Party, the Communists did not want to improve the lot of the Negroes, but actually just the opposite, in order to maintain as much basis as possible for their agitation and propaganda.

(3) The "separate but equal" theory, which still applied to educational and other public facilities in about twenty percent of our states, had been rapidly gaining substance in the matter of equality, and losing rigidity in the matter of separateness. The net effect was, as pointed out a few years ago by America's leading Negro magazine, *Ebony*, that the United States had made and was making more headway in the honorable solution of a difficult racial problem, than had ever been made by any other country.

But by 1954 the Communists were ready to start coming out into the open with activities that stimulated the Negro Revolutionary Movement, or that made "civil rights" agitation a substantial component of the total revolution, or did both. As to the real Communist purposes, instead of the pretended purposes of these activities; as to the small meas-

ure of local injustices which can be found, compared with the incredible turmoil and bitterness created over them throughout a whole nation; as to the role of the Federal Government in grossly violating the "civil rights" of all of its citizens, when the guarantee of those rights is supposed to be what the "revolution" is all about; as to every aspect of the agitation and activities and propaganda, the whole "civil rights" movement is simply a gigantic fraud — or, as Lyndon Johnson put it in 1948, a sham and a farce. But it is a fraud which is leading, and has been designed to lead, through chaos and suffering and horror, through misunderstanding on the part of the deluded and paralysis of the will to resist on the part of the terrorized victims, to the police state of Communist tyranny.

There are those who believe that the simplest way to end the "movement," to prevent the ultimate tragedy, is for the people of the South — white and black — simply to concede at once every demand of the Communist inspired agitators. But nothing could be further from the truth.

Chiang Kai-shek tried this solution, in about 1946, with regard to the demands of the Chinese Reds under Mao Tse-tung. It was a fatal mistake. It is true that nobody could be more frustrated and disappointed, for a brief period, than would be the Communists behind the incitements to violence and bitterness in the South, if their front men were suddenly given every single thing they are rioting and shouting for with so much clamor. Just as Mao was almost thrown off his stride of terror when this unexpected tragedy happened to him in China. But the respite here, as it was there, would be too short-lived. In such cases the Communists immediately think up even more impractical and preposterous "reforms" — to be enforced immediately by law and

guns, instead of gradually by good will and education—which new "reforms" they push with even more ruthlessness and violence while they are flush with their visible success as to earlier demands.

We have had many examples of how far afield from justice or common sense the Communists will go, to proclaim oppression where none exists and to demand "reforms" where none are needed. Boston offers an excellent illustration. As far back as forty-six years ago, when this writer first came to Massachusetts, every single privilege and right of our Negro citizens, for which these marches in the South are presently being organized, were already commonplace. I sat beside a Negro in one class in Harvard Law School. I frequently found a Negro student sitting beside me at lunch. There were no handicaps of any kind on Negro voting; no segregated schools; no segregated public facilities; and no legal or formal segregation of any kind. Today even the informal integration — social, political, and economic—has been carried so much further that a Negro politician, who is married to a white woman, was elected and is at present serving as Attorney General of the Commonwealth. You certainly would not think the "civil rights" agitators could find anything to complain about in Boston.

But does that stop them from demanding "reforms," or threatening riots to enforce such demands? Not at all. Where no reasons for complaint exist, such reasons have to be invented. In Boston, the chief of these inventions has been the complaint that the schools are racially unbalanced; and strident demands are made that pupils be regularly and daily hauled by buses to and from schools, in parts of the city distant from their homes, instead of going to the schools built to serve their neighborhoods—so as to remedy this "racial unbalance." And when agitators

incite or coerce Negroes in Boston to parade and picket and clamor for "freedom," the whole sham and farce—as Lyndon Johnson called it—is both nefarious and idiotic, but no more so than the march from Selma to Montgomery led by Martin Luther King. In neither case are the real instigators of these parades or marches interested at all in the ostensible objectives, but only in the by products along the route of "reform."

As to handicaps to Negro voting in a few southern states, or other less specific injustices in many states, there undoubtedly still remain some examples. These should be corrected. But they could be and were being corrected without creating any mountains to bring forth a mouse. To tear a whole great nation to pieces, and to try to plunge a large part of it into civil war, over the few such injustices as do exist, is on a par with sinking a mighty ship in order to get a rat out of the scupper. Except in this case the Communists behind the operation do not even care about getting rid of the rat. Sinking the ship is their real purpose all the way.

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The only way to solve the problem at hand and prevent the horror ahead is, in our opinion, the only way to deal with all other aspects of the Communist conspiracy and the conspiracy as a whole. And that is, simply to bring about enough understanding on the part of enough people of what the Communists are trying to do, and how they are trying to do it, and how much progress they have already made. It still takes the Communists quite a while to build up in the public mind an acceptance as truth of their falsehoods, deceptions, and propaganda. But they must have this acceptance, in order to forestall the opposition which they would otherwise meet, as Communist terror becomes more exten-

sive and pro-Communist political moves more brazen.

The deliberate manufacture of falsehoods and false impressions about what is actually taking place in the South is now reaching the same level that was maintained by Communist propaganda about Algeria for years. And none of these falsehoods and distortions could be accepted or believed by even the most gullible and idealistic citizens of other states, if enough people in those states realized that the whole show was being stage-managed by Communists behind the scenes. And especially if these good people realized that the tactics used are all exactly in accordance with plans the Communists have been laying out in writing for their own agents ever since the 1920's, and which they have repeatedly utilized, without any significant changes, in other areas all over the world.

The truth is that the infamous picture of a dog attacking a Negro, while the dog was held in leash by a Birmingham police officer, was so carefully rehearsed until the "civil rights" agitators got exactly the picture they wanted, that the leg of the Negro victim's trousers had even been cut with a razor in advance, so that it would fall apart more readily at the first touch by the dog. Yet this picture was shown on the front pages of newspapers all over the United States — most of which did not know it was a contrived phony — and became an extremely important part of the Communist propaganda about "civil rights."

Actually, it is not even necessary to cite specific instances of such mischievous misreporting or fabrication, if the American people will only stop to think, and use the common sense God has given them. No matter what state you are in, for instance, ask yourself how you would like to have a huge flood of trouble-

making outsiders, from all over the country, shipped into your state for the specific purpose of breaking its laws — all under the pretense of correcting some fault of your state, while crime and immorality and injustice were rampant in their own. When you add to that situation the fact that a large number of the trouble-making leaders in the forefront of this invasion are known to be Communists, fellow travelers, or Communist fronters, you certainly would not be happy about a similar development around you. And you have no more reason to be happy about it, or to give these actions your moral support — even through tacit lack of protest—than do the good people to whom it is actually happening in the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

As to the pro-Communist personnel among these invaders, we call your attention to a recent speech by Senator Eastland, on the floor of the Senate, which was printed in the *Congressional Record* for February 3, 1965. He needed many pages of fine print to give the detailed record and documentation on the Communist affiliations of just the leading lawyers, in the group organized in New York and California to go to Mississippi and obtain hundreds of depositions in an effort to unseat the five Congressmen now serving in our House of Representatives from that state. The same would be true with regard to similar groups of invaders who have gone to Alabama and Mississippi for parallel purposes in connection with the whole synthetic turmoil which has been created there.

We contend that if enough people come to know these facts, and to understand the Communist influences at work in the total picture, the whole "civil rights" agitation and Negro Revolutionary Movement will all collapse as did the defense of Alger Hiss when the truth at long last became obvious to the court and the

jury. And we hope that every patriotic reader will help us, as far as he is able, to reach other readers with this truth. The stakes in this struggle of truth against falsehood are as high as they have ever been in history.

Wake up yourself, and wake up your friends and neighbors and associates to the part being played by the Federal Government, by the National Council of Churches, and by much of the press—although in general more unwittingly—in advancing Communist purposes, in demoralizing opposition to Communism, and in tearing to pieces the safeguards and framework of our Constitution. And since a single illustrative example frequently brings the beginning of understanding better than a general survey, you might want to use Martin Luther King as an introductory exhibit.

For few private citizens have wielded more influence in shaping the domestic policies of our Federal government than has King, and few have deserved this power and prestige less. Even Joseph Alsop says that King "has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice." And this was putting the matter very mildly indeed.

For an illustration, King employed one Jack O'Dell as a top level aide from 1960 to 1963, even though O'Dell was a known member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and was officially so listed on their letterhead of November, 1961. For another, Martin Luther King himself attended the Highlander Folk School, in Monteagle, Tennessee, over Labor Day weekend in 1957. The record is clear that this institution was a "Communist training school." That same school now operates as the Highlander Center, in Knoxville, Tennessee; and as recently as May, 1963,

the letterhead of Highlander Center listed Martin Luther King as one of its official sponsors.

Among other close associates of King are James Dombrowski, and Carl and Anne Braden, all three identified under oath as Communists; and Bayard Rustin, who joined the Young Communist League in 1936, and whose pro-Communist activities and criminal career are all a matter of record. Rustin served as King's secretary for five years, and accompanied King to Norway in December, 1964, when King was given the Nobel Peace Prize. A full listing and documentation of King's connection with Communists would take many pages. And in the face of this record King simply revealed his own character by his recent claim that "there are as many Communists in the freedom movement as there are Eskimos in Florida." This brazen statement itself follows the Communist technique: "L'audace, toujours l'audace!"

The tremendous "honors" heaped upon King reveal two things: (1) How far King has gone in establishing himself as the favorite of the Communists, or as the Ben Bella of the Negro Revolutionary Movement; and (2), how far Communist influences have gone in subverting great prize committees and universities to the service of Communist propaganda and purposes. The fact that Yale University once gave Martin Luther King an honorary degree does not make King any less the "notorious liar" which J. Edgar Hoover called him, nor any less of a

trouble maker pushing pro-Communist programs than his record proves him to be. It merely shows the utterly disgraceful level to which Yale University—along with many other institutions of higher *leaning*—has been brought by the influences which now control it. As for the real significance of the Nobel Peace Prize, we published nearly ten years ago the plain fact that, even then, for all practical purposes, the Nobel Prize Committees had become simply propaganda agencies of the Soviet Government.

A more detailed study of "the life and lies" of Martin Luther King, from plenty of materials which are available, will convince any reasonable American that this man is not working for, *but against*, the real welfare and best interests of either the Negroes in the United States, or of the United States as a whole. And the same thing is true of many of the other leaders in the "two revolutions at once" which now beset our nation.

Finally, let us repeat once again: The fundamentally decent American mind simply refuses to recognize the nature of the beasts with whom we are now engaged in the most completely all-out struggle that the human race has ever known. But it had better be recognizing these realities soon, or all decency will be deliberately wiped off the face of our planet. For if and when the United States goes the way of Czechoslovakia and China and Cuba and the Congo, not only will our own freedom, our lives, and our country be lost, but our whole civilization will be destroyed.

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AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

July 8, AD1965

Sirs,

Recently I have been considering applying for membership in the John Birch Society. But before taking any such action I wish to establish that this organization is all that it says it is and is not dangerous to the U.S. government. Your views and information you could send me would be greatly appreciated. Also I would like if possible a list of other such organizations as this with their ratings as well as those that are subversive and un-American. Thank-you.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Chicago, 60618, Illinois

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Chicago, Illinois 60618

Dear

I have received your letter of July 8th, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

I am enclosing a list of organizations designated by the Department of Justice as subversive pursuant to Executive Order 10450. You may also be interested in securing a copy of "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This booklet lists groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies, and this can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, for seventy cents.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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Dearborn, Michigan 48124

July 10, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am an extremely concerned American. I am concerned about the threat of the communist conspiracy. I know of several instances where they have been openly active in this area. Some newspapers in the Detroit area seem to follow the communist line and even suppress news that is unfavorable to communism. I abhor what the communists stand for and their activities.

I want to do everything I can as a good citizen to preserve our American way of life. *

The only organization that seems to be effective in the fight against communism is the John Birch Society. I would appreciate hearing of any comments that you are at liberty to make regarding this society. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dearborn, Michigan 48124

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of July 10th, and the concern which prompted your communication is appreciated. All Americans must seek a broad understanding of the objectives and operations of the communist movement if we are to effectively resist its eroding influence.

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Enclosed is some material which contains suggestions all of us can consider in fighting the evils of communism.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)
An Army of Free Men
America's Ideals--Its Mark of Greatness

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning correspondent. Our letter of 12-9-64 thanked him for his favorable comments concerning the Director's press conference.

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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover.

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I have friends in the Birch Society and have read a lot of their literature and cannot find anything extreme, racist or facist about it.

I wonder if you know anything bad or UnAmerican about the Birch Society.

Yours for God and Country

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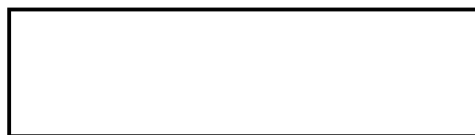
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[Redacted]
Newport News, Virginia 23602

Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of July 11th, and it was good of you to furnish me your observations concerning my article in the July 11th issue of "Parade." You are assured that the only organizations to which I made specific reference were the Communist Party, the Ku Klux Klan and the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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America's Ideals -- Its Mark of Greatness

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[redacted]
[redacted] Warren, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I surely would appreciate your letting me know how you think and feel about the John Birch Society. Pro and Con; please

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Is this truly and honestly an american true organization that one should support and belong to in this day of confusion as to what one should believe.

Can you list some true and honest books that one should read to be kept up to date on exactly what is going on secretly as well as openly?

Perhaps the government has pamphlets and booklets truthfully written that you would recommend.

I definitely would appreciate hearing from you soon.

Sincerest Blessings,

/s/ [redacted]

Address per envelope:

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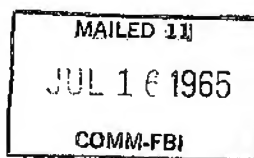
I have received your letter of July 9th, and your kind sentiments are appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Excerpt from FBI Appropriations Testimony, 3-4-65, on Communist Party, USA

The Communist Party Line

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July 11, 1965
Yorktown, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Today in the magazine section of our local newspaper, Parade, I read your message "For America's Youth". I enjoyed it, but I found that I myself, although not being a youth, found myself in a confused state. In your article you talked about both the far right and the far left extremists and it is concerning this that I write to you tonight.

I joined the John Birch Society about six months ago. I have read some of their material and some of their recommended material, of which one was your book "Masters of Deceit". I want to tell you this book meant a great deal to me and I wish I had read it sooner. In my reading connected with the society I have found none of the points which you said to look for in an extremist group, but just this week in the Virginia Methodist Advocate, which is the official Methodist paper for our state, an article appeared on extremist groups. I am enclosing this article and would appreciate you reading the part on extremist groups, for I would like to know if the extremists on the right that you warn about are the same that our Church paper warns about.

Realizing that your time is valuable and you have many important matters facing you, I know this may seem like an insignificant matter, but it is most confusing in today's world to read so many conflicting statements. It would help to know, if for any reason, the FBI has call to label these groups extremists. I hope my request is not an unreasonable one, but I am confused and will appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely Yours.

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Christians Grow Through Conflict

Sunday School Lesson

for July 18, 1965

We live in a day of fashions and fads. Certain things are "in," others are "out." In religious circles today, "relax" is definitely in, but "conflict" is out. The late Halford E. Luccock commented on this trend in Protestant preaching. "For the truth that one needs to relax to keep the mind and the spirit from being snapped by taut stretching has lately been so stressed that it bids fair to blot out all other aspects of the Christian gospel. In some pulpits the New Testament seems in danger of being abbreviated to one word, the blessed word 'relax'" (Luccock, H. E., *Like A Mighty Army*, p. 131).

The Christian Faith does not glorify conflict. It recognizes that conflict can be, and often is, destructive. But neither does Christianity refuse to acknowledge the existence of conflict. It recognizes that there is struggle within the heart of man, between man and man, and between man and God. It does no good to hide one's head in the sand, and deny the existence of struggle. Indeed, such self-deception is harmful. For conflict that is honestly faced can be overcome through Christ. And the result is often Christian growth.

THE SCOPE OF CONFLICT

It would be difficult to exaggerate the extent of conflict in our modern world. Conflict reaches its burning fingers into every organization every human relationship, and into the heart of man himself.

Without the help of Sigmund Freud and modern psychology, Paul recognized the struggle in the mind of man. "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (Romans 7:19). And then he continued in words that might well be the motto of depth psychology: "Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me" (Romans 7:20). Here is the classic description of the divided self that is torn between what it wills and what it does.

In his unique way, Charles Schulz portrays our human condition in his popular comic strip, "Peanuts." Lucy is shown talking to her brother Linus. She has drawn a picture of the human heart, with a vertical line in the middle. One half is painted a dark color, the other half is left white. She explains to Linus: "This, Linus, is a picture of the human heart! One side is filled with hate and the other side is filled with love. These

are the two forces which are constantly at war with each other." Linus puts his hand over his heart, and with a worried look, says: "I think I know what you mean. I can feel them fighting!" Who has not felt this struggle within his heart, the age old conflict between good and evil impulses?

Multiply this human condition a billion-fold and you will have a fair approximation of our world situation. Each morning's paper chronicles the sad state of affairs—the cold war between East and West, the hot war in Viet Nam and Santo Domingo, racial tension in our cities and towns, and crime in our streets.

FACING UP TO CONFLICT

Paul was quick to face up to the conflict that raged within his mind. For he had wrestled with it, but had never overcome it. Indeed, it had almost overcome him. "For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" (Romans 7:22-24).

An honest facing up to conflict is a necessary precondition to its solution. But this is exactly what so many American churches and communities refuse to do. Ask the average citizen and church member about the existence of tension in his community or church. He will be quick to say: "We don't have any problems here. We all get along fine together." He will say this in spite of the fact

Willie A. Chappell, Jr.

that there may be a dozen families in the church who are not on speaking terms, and every institution in the community is segregated along racial lines. In our American churches and communities, we have placed a high premium on harmony and peace. Often, we sacrifice truth and justice in the interests of peace. But the cause of peace is not ultimately served by ignoring the claims of truth and justice.

OVERCOMING CONFLICT

The violent conflict which Paul felt in his mind was overcome through Christ. It brought from him these joyous words of thanksgiving: "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Ro-

mans 7:25). In the gladness of the moment of release, Paul did not stop to explain how Christ had brought about this deliverance.

The conflict of man with himself is overcome through faith in Christ. The divided self is reunited through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In interpreting Paul's experience of grace, Paul Tillich makes use of the idea of "acceptance." "In the picture of Jesus as the Christ, which appeared to him (Paul) at the moment of his greatest separation from other men, from himself and God, he found that he was accepted, he was able to accept himself and to be reconciled to others. The moment in which grace struck him and overwhelmed him, he was reunited with that to which he belonged . . ." (Tillich, Paul, *The Shaking of the Foundations*, p. 160). Sin brings separation from ourselves and others: grace brings acceptance of ourselves and others. We can accept others, because we have been accepted by God. This is the clue to overcoming conflict in every area of life.

THE CONTINUING CONFLICT

Deliverance from conflict is both present and future. It is begun in this life. It is completed in the life that is to come. Immediately after his shout of praise to God for the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, he reminded his readers, in a more somber mood, that the conflict with sin continued. "So then, I of myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin" (Romans 7:25).

The conflict continues. With Paul, we experience moments of victory through Christ, moments when we are at peace with God, and man, and ourselves. But we also experience moments of separation, when we are alienated from God, and man, and ourselves. The battles that our fathers won for freedom, truth, and justice must be won by us, and by our children. The conflict continues until God speaks His great Amen.

Danville Sub-District MYF Meets

The Danville Sub-district MYF meeting was held on June 21 at Stokesland Church. Supper was served. Plans made included one for the young people to spend an afternoon on July 17 at Elkhorn Lake. Three new ministers were introduced.

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(The second of two installments)

By MRS. J. BOYD TYRRELL
President Conf. Woman's Society of
Christian Service

Methodist Literature

What is the aim and purpose of Methodist literature?

To be faithful to the full gospel and way of Jesus Christ as the Bible reveals them, and as The Methodist Church has proclaimed them throughout its history.

What is the plan of our literature?

It is designed to promote a continuity, a learning and growth in the Christian life from the nursery through mature years.

Why should we use Methodist materials instead of that produced by other sources?

Because they present Methodist theology, the Wesleyan concern for social issues and Christian principles which apply to all areas of life. They are written using the finest background of educational methods and procedures available.

Why have so many criticisms been made concerning statements made in Methodist literature relative to miracles, virgin birth, sex, etc?

People often read part of a statement or portions of an article. What the materials actually say if you read them in context is often quite different from what is asserted about them.

The United Nations

"The United Nations costs us too much" is one of the charges often made.

We very often look at total figures. The cost per capita for each person in the United States last year was less than \$1.00. The total payment to the UN budget by the U. S. in one year is less than the street cleaning bill for the city of New York for the same period of time.

Why should the United States have only one vote?

The Charter of the U. N. affirms "the equal rights of nations large and small" which is the same principle as that in domestic law which says that all individual persons are equal before the law.

Why does the United States have to pay such a large portion of the budget and Russia such a small portion?

United Nations assessments are calculated according to capacity to pay. At the present time, as to the ratio of UN contribution to gross national product, the U. S. ranks twenty-second, with a percentage of .038. It is interesting to note that Russia's assessment has increased, while ours has decreased.

U. S. 39.89% reduced to 32.02%

Russia 6.62% increased to 15%

Why should we contribute money to UNICEF when it is used for children in communist countries?

In 1964, only three cents of every \$1.00 was administered to children in communist controlled countries. UNICEF aims to "help a child in need" whether he lives in a democracy or a dictatorship.

Why should we continue to support the UN when it is only a "powerless debating society"?

The UN has done much more than debate. It has stopped or prevented eight minor armed conflicts, has mediated many other disputes and has been the confining agency in preventing war from spreading to world-wide scale.

Is it true that UNICEF staff is infiltrated with communists from top level down?

The UNICEF staff is composed of citizens of 65 countries. Of the 714 on staff, 108 are U. S. citizens, while 10 are citizens of countries with communist governments.

Is it true that UNICEF is a "handout" aid?

To obtain aid, a country must make substantial expenditures. In 1965, aided countries are providing 2½ times as much as they are receiving from UNICEF.

What Does the U.N. Do?

Among many things, the following are pertinent:

WHO eliminates epidemics and inoculates against disease

FAO increases crop productions and teaches more adequate diet

AEC works for constructive use of atomic energy

BANK grants loans for self help and attempts to stabilize economy

UNESCO works on standard alphabets for literacy; gives scholarships to international students

UNICEF gives milk, vaccine and vitamins

COURT OF JUSTICE deals with international disputes

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL protects the interests of non-independent countries and enables them to become independent

Extremist Groups

What are the names of some of the so-called extremist groups?

The John Birch Society, supporters of Carl McIntyre, Billy James Hargis, Dan Smoot and Myers Lowman to specifically

name a few.

Are the extremist groups democratic?

No. To a striking degree, their organizations are built on the principle that wisdom resides in a leader or elite group.

What is an extremist group?

The phrase usually refers to the radical rightist groups in the U. S. Communism exists as the extreme on the far left, but the term extremism tends to be identified with right wing extremism.

Right wing groups have been called fascist and anarchic. Which more aptly describes them?

They have tendencies of both. They are extremely anti-government, but in their methods, they reduce rank and file to a kind of task force. They use smear tactics and unproven accusations. They do not want to be controlled yet they coerce others by every means.

Do the extremists have a common message?

No, but most of them emphasize these points:

1. Those who are leaders must be pulled down: they are communists or dupes.
2. Those who are on the outside of advantages must be kept outside; their efforts to become equal are communist inspired.
3. America must disentangle itself from international bodies, which are all communist inspired. (such as the UN or OAS).

Obituaries

WILL KESSLAR
(Lithia)

God has called home our friend and co-laborer, Will Kessler. He was a member of Lithia Church and a trustee.

Members of this church extend loving sympathy to his survivors and an expression of this sympathy is being sent the family.

N. NICHOLS
B. FALLS
Committee

George P. Taylor
(Lithia)

George Preston Taylor, our friend and brother, died recently. For several years he was a member of Lithia Church.

We bow in humble submission to God's will and extend sympathy to his family. He leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss. Burial was in Back Creek Cemetery.

N. NICHOLS
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Yorktown, Virginia 23490

Dear



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I received your letter of July 11th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing. I am indeed pleased to know that you found my book, "Masters of Deceit," of interest, and you may wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism." It contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. This book may be available at your local library.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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American Opinion
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■ FOUR HUNDRED YEARS ago next September, St. Augustine, the oldest city in America, was founded on the east coast of Florida by Spanish explorers. Time has only beautified this ancient city of eighteen thousand citizens. St. Augustine, with its forty-five miles of wide, sandy beaches and its fascinating store of Spanish antiquity, has long been a vacation playground and a mecca for history-conscious tourists.

Since the founding of the city, white and Negro families have lived side by side in peace and happiness. They live that way today, within one block of the City Hall and in most other parts of the city. For seventy-five years, the Negro citizens have voted in city elections, and civic participation by St. Augustine's four thousand Negroes has been constantly encouraged by such organizations as the local Junior Chamber of Commerce—which has even operated voter-registration campaigns among Negro citizens. Always a leader in municipal responsibility, St. Augustine was

one of the first Southern cities to employ Negroes on its police force. This was done thirty years ago, and the integrated St. Augustine Police Department has been used as a model for other Southern cities. It might also be noted that the St. Johns County Sheriffs Department—the county force also responsible for the city of St. Augustine—has been integrated now for many years.

There are no segregation ordinance on the city's books, and, as a result, no public facilities are segregated. The public schools were integrated in the Fall of 1963 without a court order. On the ocean, separate public beaches were used; but not by compulsion of law, by habit and by preference. [Most Negroes used Butler's Beach. In fact, the main section of that beach was donated to the State especially for Negroes by Frank Butler, a leading Negro citizen.]

I

SOME THREE YEARS ago, a Negro dentist named Dr. R. B. Hayling arrived in this quaint, peaceful community. He came to take over the practice of the late Dr. Rudolph N. Gordon, a highly respected Negro dentist with many more white patients than colored. Then shortly after his arrival, Hayling surfaced as an extreme and violent racist—demanding racial coordination by the force of government. He soon became the leader of the local NAACP group.

In June of 1963, the Mayor of St. Augustine, Dr. Joseph Shelly, was forced to return from his vacation because Hayling, the dentist, claimed that

he could no longer restrain his NAACP followers from acts of violence unless the city complied with certain demands. Upon his return, Mayor Shelly was compelled to reject Hayling's incredible demands for desegregation on the simple grounds that *no public facilities were segregated*, and because—as everyone knows—he had no such authority over privately-owned restaurants and motels. For these same reasons, the Mayor also refused to appoint a “bi-racial committee,” a propaganda



Chief of Police Virgil Stuart.

scheme proposed by the militant dentist.

Mr. Hayling's followers then began to engage in sit-in and lie-in demonstrations on private property, in open violation of local and state laws—the sort of simple trespass laws which have been a part of most state and local codes for centuries. The local police were thus forced to arrest and remove the law-breakers. Not a single Negro was injured. The failure of these demonstrations to produce violence now seemed to provoke the need for more drastic

action by Dr. Hayling. An UPI dispatch of June 19, 1962 quotes Hayling as threatening criminal violence:

I and others of the NAACP have armed ourselves, and we will shoot first and ask questions later.

On November 15, 1963, Hayling was severely reprimanded by Judge William McRae in the Federal Court at Jacksonville, Florida, where he sought an injunction against the city. In denying the injunction, the Federal Judge told Hayling:

The court is of the opinion that the plaintiff did not come into court with clean hands. Their leadership and particularly Robert B. Hayling have displayed a lack of restraint, common sense and good judgment, and an irresponsibility which have done a disservice to the advancement of the best interests of all the plaintiffs and others in St. Augustine who are similarly situated. Problems which might well have been solved by intelligent action have been handled with deliberate provocation and apparent intent to incite disorder and confusion. [Emphasis ours.]

At this point, the local NAACP was forced to disavow Hayling.

The little city now settled down to prepare itself for the anticipated flow of tourists upon whom they depend for a living. In the meantime, Hayling, after being dropped by the NAACP, became the local leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the front organization of the notorious Martin Luther King. As such, he invited [March 11, 1964] the Massachusetts Chapter of the SCLC to send agitators to St. Augustine during the college spring vacation.

Just before the spring vacation began, a shocked local boy, attending school in

Connecticut, warned St. Augustine's Mayor Shelly of the planned invasion. He also sent the Mayor copies of leaflets that had been distributed to students and clergymen throughout the New England area by the Student Christian Movement and the SCLC; the leaflets called for demonstrations in St. Augustine on March twenty-first to twenty-eight and/or March twenty-ninth to April fourth. Trouble was on its way.

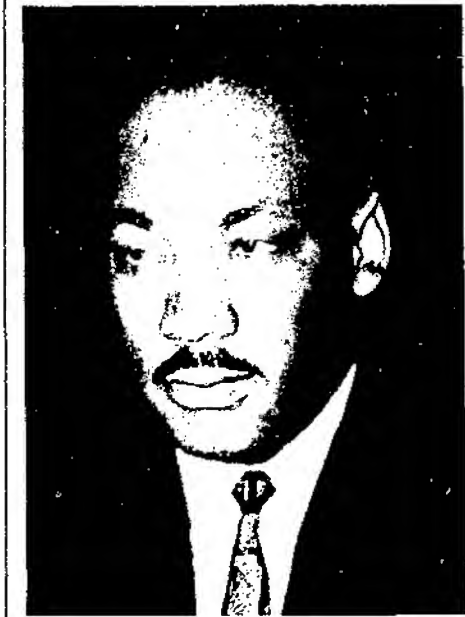
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DR. HARDGROVE S. NORRIS, a prominent surgeon and a highly respected citizen of St. Augustine gives this eyewitness account of the invasion that followed:

“St. Augustine has been targeted for demonstrations since last summer. There were sporadic attempts to integrate restaurants and motels. This was done in some of the chain firms such as at the Holiday Inn, Howard Johnson's, and Woolworth's. By Easter, a special task force invaded St. Augustine, highlighted by the activities of the Peabodys of Massachusetts. The last week of May saw the real invasion under the command of Martin Luther King and his lieutenants. In spite of King's efforts, *at no time*, I repeat, *at no time* did the peace of St. Augustine become threatened. At no time did the local police and Sheriff lose control. Law and order were maintained completely. The city further strengthened the hand of its law-enforcement officers by declaring a ban on demonstrations after eight-thirty at night. It was at this point that the Federal Judiciary, in the form of the Federal Court in Jacksonville [under Judge Simpson], turned the demonstrators loose by interdicting the right of the city to impose and enforce the ban—an unbelievable precedent. Concurrently with this, the Governor of the State of Florida intervened directly in the internal administration

of law enforcement in our community.

“Now it is important to understand that prior to this the Governor had cooperated with the City of St. Augustine by sending in as an auxiliary force a small number of state troopers. Because of the invasion of outsiders of unknown accountability, the citizens of our community, the city officials, the Chief of Police, and Sheriff, appreciated the relief and aid which those troopers provided and were very glad to see them here. But, on June fifteenth, a change



King said, “St. Augustine will be on its knees.”

occurred. The Governor suddenly invoked a special emergency police power that had been voted by a special session of the Florida Legislature in 1956. He announced to the Press that he was taking personal command of law enforcement in ‘strife-torn’ St. Augustine. This was strange because *there was no strife in St. Augustine*.

“As a member of the staff of Flagler Hospital, I can vouch that we had very few injuries resulting from the demonstrations brought to the hospital, and the injured that were brought were of a



Officers from the special state force beat this St. Augustine teen-ager about the head with night sticks.

minor consequence usually treatable with a Band-Aid. The action of the Governor was simply not justified by the actual situation in St. Augustine."

This unusual and curious act by Governor Farris Bryant rendered the powers of the local Sheriff and Chief of Police impotent. They were left to handle petty larceny and the usual misdemeanors that plague any community—but they were now powerless to prevent an outbreak of violence which might result from the presence or activity of "Reverend" King's racist agitators. St. Augustine was firmly in the hands of the Governor's special police force, and the arbitrary actions of that force were shocking. We again quote Dr. Norris:

"From being a friendly force, the state troopers were transformed almost overnight into a hostile army. There were incidents of citizens being stopped in the course of their normal movement and searched, the most pedestrian articles were often seized, and all this was done without warrant or reason.

One of the first individuals treated in this fashion was a prominent physician, Dr. Raymond S. Cafaro. He'd been on a house call and was returning down one of our main streets when he was stopped by a trooper and told that the area was blocked and he had to go another direction. The doctor demurred and agreed to turn around and retrace his steps. As he started off, the state trooper commanded him to halt, and, when he rolled to a stop, he was ordered to identify himself. Even though Dr. Cafaro did this properly, he was forced to get out of his automobile, place his hands on the roof top of the car, spread his legs and be ignominiously searched in front of local citizens, many of whom knew and respected him and who vigorously protested to the state trooper. They were told to shut up, or they would be put in jail. The state trooper then forced the doctor against a stone wall, leaving the car in the middle of the road, and called a patrol wagon to take him to jail. Fortunately a local policeman happened to

arrive on the spot and secured the doctor's release.

"Another incident occurred to the wife of one of our other physicians. She was kindly delivering some medicine to a friend. It was about eleven o'clock at night when she was stopped very much in the same fashion. Because she did not halt fast enough for the officer, she was hauled out of the automobile and carried off to jail. Her husband had to get out of bed and go to the jail to secure her release. He was compelled to post a twenty-five dollar bond. This is in contrast to the treatment accorded Martin Luther King, who was proved to have employed, in his agitation, parolees of a minor age from a detention school. He was charged with the crime of "contributing to the delinquency of a minor," but King was treated differently; he was released without bail on his own cognizance.

"Another incident occurred in which a man appeared at the Sheriff's office with a receipt to reclaim his son's toy popgun, one of those cork air-guns that children use. He presented himself to the Sheriff and asked where he had to go to recover this deadly [sic] weapon which the Governor's officers had seized from his car the night before.

"A very revealing incident was the arrest by a state trooper of a local policeman of fifteen-years honorable service. He was in civilian clothes at the time, but identified himself to the trooper. Our police officer was charged with carrying a concealed weapon which, in actuality, was a fifteen-inch piece of waterpipe. He was carrying the pipe, as evidence, openly in his hand to the police station to be checked for fingerprints. On arrival at the county jail, a Deputy Sheriff again identified this man as a local police officer. Nonetheless, the state trooper still preferred charges and our officer was jailed. Obviously, the Judge threw this case out of court.



Mrs. Peabody and dentist Hayling.

"As these incidents were multiplied many times over, local citizens were horrified to realize that the state troopers who at first had been allies and friends were now their jailers, and had, in effect, isolated and exposed their integrated, model community to the nightmare of what can only be called a *police state*. Citizens quickly realized that there was no difference between what was happening under the state troopers and what would have happened if an occupying federal army had been sent in. The treatment, in no way, could have been worse.

"The commandant of the state troopers, meeting with doctors in our community in an endeavor to set up a precautionary First Aid Station, made the comment that his orders were to protect the Negroes in whatever demonstrations they might wish to make. It was obvious that this was exactly what the state troopers were doing; protecting imported agitators—under our Governor's orders—as they set about violating the peace and private property of our

citizens. The state troopers stood by while the demonstrators invaded the private swimming pool of a motor court. They even led midnight marchers through residential sections, turning flashlights upon the first and second-story windows of houses where families were sleeping. They permitted the demonstrators to bellow songs and shout, and allowed them, as well as news photographers, to trample private lawns, destroying shrubbery and flowers. The special state troopers ceased to be regarded as friends and some restaurants even refused to serve them. During this time, our Chief of Police and Sheriff were forced to withhold their forces. The commandant of the state troops made no attempt to coordinate and cooperate with them in any way, and the city officials and the city law-enforcement agencies were completely by-passed."

From many eyewitnesses come statements praising the Sheriff and the Chief of Police who on one occasion were even forced to brush aside the confused



Mayor Shelly refused to bend to the racists.

state troopers in order to avert certain violence; they turned demonstrators from a planned line of march which would have taken them right into a meeting of angry white citizens gathered in the Plaza. At least seven eyewitnesses to whom we spoke felt that the special state police force was saved from a serious situation only by the quick and intelligent action of the local enforcement officers who knew and understood the local situation.

Remember that, in creating this special state police force, Governor Bryant conferred upon it the power to make arrests for violation of any regulation that he might promulgate. This, in effect, turned St. Augustine into a police state under martial law. During the period, it was primarily white local citizens who were seized and searched for so-called deadly weapons by the Governor's special police force. There was an obvious effort made to avoid searching Negroes and agitators. The few times that the Sheriff was able to have even a few of the demonstrators searched, law officers collected numerous pistols, knives, and ice picks. When the Sheriff tried a general search of demonstrators before a mass march, the special police force refused to allow it.

III

NOW THAT THE race agitators have departed, law-abiding citizens of this ancient city have paused to reflect; many questions come to their minds.

One has to do with Hayling, the dentist. His dental practice is almost nonexistent. His dental office is now a near headquarters for outside agitators, and he is still authorizing bills in the name of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. The source of the funds that sustain him and support his activities is a mystery.

The provocative and willfully unlawful acts of the publicity-seeking Mrs. Malcolm E. Peabody, mother of the



Special state forces wade into the ocean to attack St. Augustinians with clubs.

Governor of Massachusetts, are regarded by most St. Augustinians as those of a misguided "do-gooder" in her dotage; acts to be expected from the brain-washed wife of a retired Episcopal Bishop tainted with a strange public record of some thirteen Communist Front affiliations. No such compassion is felt, however, for her son, the Reverend George Peabody, whose display of straight-from-the-bottle vodka drinking—while in clerical garb—engendered no great wave of respect. The same might be said of his later performance described in these words by L. O. Davis Jr., Sheriff of St. Johns County:

While Mrs. Peabody was recently confined in the St. Johns County jail, a man dressed in the garb of a priest or minister came to the jail and stated that he wanted to visit his mother, and that he was her son, Reverend Peabody.

I told him that she was retired and that I did not allow visits from persons who were heavily under the

influence of intoxicants and refused to allow him to visit her. I told him that if he did not leave that I would prefer charges against him. He called a taxicab and left.

The citizens of St. Augustine this they understand—if they cannot respect—the Peabodys; but they cannot understand why they were invaded by a Pro corps many times larger than the one that came to report the visit to the city by Vice President Lyndon Johnson last March 11, 1963. If reporting the truth is still considered a proper journalistic function, then, they ask, why didn't the Press check the inflammatory and false statements contained in the releases of King's fronts before making an army of cameramen and reporters into their city? Why were cameramen and reporters always stationed in advance, at the trouble spots? [The presence was even used as an indication by law officers who thus knew where the agitators planned to perform next.] Why were the agents of the



Doctor Hardgrove Norris, an eyewitness.

Press so openly in favor of the provocateurs and so violently against the citizens of their peaceful little town? The questions go on and on.

Another puzzle to them is the complete reversal of position taken by certain public officials. Why, they prudently inquire, should a Federal Judge deny an injunction against the city (and in doing so actually brand Mrs. Malcolm Peabody a trouble-making outsider) and then suddenly reverse himself and supinely grant the same injunction to Martin Luther King—this time publicly humiliating their Mayor, Chief of Police, and Sheriff?

From many eyewitnesses comes the impression that Judge Simpson conducted a court that was demonstrably biased in favor of King's hoodlums. After the lawyers for the city and the lawyers for the agitators had rested their cases, Judge Simpson even took a day and a half to ask leading, often insulting, and highly loaded questions of local law-enforcement officers while fawning upon the racist agents and

their attorneys. "Reverend" King was surely a far greater hero to this Federal Judge than he was to the Negro ministers of St. Augustine, who refused to have anything to do with him. After all, the Negro ministers concluded, St. Augustine is not a segregated community. They were also familiar with King's past associations with the activities and agents of the Communist Party of the United States.

And why, St. Augustinians ask, did their Governor reverse his position from supporting the very efficient local law-enforcement agents to down-grading them and placing over them a special state force with orders to protect the Negroes—and not the total community? What changed his mind? He had numerous agents in St. Augustine who knew how efficiently and peacefully the local law officers were then handling the situation. And, perhaps most important, who convinced the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency over this peaceful American city?

As distant spectators the citizens of St. Augustine—like all of us—saw local law-enforcement officers displaced by federal paratroopers in Little Rock, Arkansas. They also saw local law-enforcement officers displaced with Federal Marshals in Oxford, Mississippi. They have noted the cries of "police brutality" coming from the Communist Press and certain foolish "Liberal" dailies in Northern cities—and against some of the best local police forces in the world. But before their very eyes the citizens of St. Augustine now watched as their own efficient and respected police officers were displaced by a subservient Governor and replaced by a strange special police force. After putting two and two together, they wonder if St. Augustine was not used as a practice run to test the use of special state police forces, instead of the U.S. Army or U.S. Marshals, as an occupying military unit.

IV

WHEN THE demonstrations of both the amateur "do-gooders" and the professional provocateurs led by Martin Luther King failed to produce riots and violence—when the citizens of St. Augustine, Negro and white, refused to act lawlessly—"Reverend" King found himself in trouble. He had boasted in previous press conferences that he would "have St. Augustine on its knees" in ten days. He was now being severely criticized for his failure by the more militant Negro leaders who have since operated their successful riots in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, Kansas, and Michigan; they were clamoring for his removal as a leader of the cause. King now needed a face-saving operation very badly. It came in the form of a most unusual telephone call from United States Senator George Smathers. The Senator, *stating that he was acting as liaison officer for the President of the United States*, urged a business leader of St. Augustine to comply with "Reverend" King's demand to form a bi-racial committee. This would save face for King, as he had now completely lost out on every other demand.

To the credit of local businessmen and the Mayor, the entire community of St. Augustine—black and white—stood firm. They refused to bow the knee to King, to the Governor, the Senator, or even to the White House. They flatly refused to form or to serve on the phoney bi-racial committee, come Hell, hurricane, or the whole Fifth Army.

It was Governor Bryant who now rushed to the rescue of Martin Luther King by announcing that *he* had formed a bi-racial committee for St. Augustine. When asked by the Press to name the members of the committee, the Governor—always an innovator—offered something new in American politics: "It was a secret committee," he said. The bewildered local citizens are con-



With King gone, St. Augustine is again quiet.

vinced that the same White House pressure that was applied to their Senator was again used on their Governor. There is, under the circumstances, no other explanation.

Finally, armed with a non-existent victory, "Reverend" King could go to Washington to be pictured standing behind President Lyndon Johnson as he signed the newly enacted "Civil Rights Bill."

In their initial state of shock, St. Augustinians were reluctant to believe that the highest office of this land could, or would, be used to bail out a racist agitator like Martin Luther King. It was with dismay and disbelief that they found their Federal Judge, their junior Senator, and their Governor trying to force them to "their knees" instead of fighting to protect them in their Constitutional rights.

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Today, the stunned citizens of St. Augustine are beginning to recover from the immediate terror of their ex-

perience. They find themselves, as one native expressed it, "between a rock and a hard place."

If they accede to the continuing demands of one Martin Luther King, they will not only suffer from the loss of local trade, but they know that fewer tourists will wish to visit their beautiful city. On the other hand, if they refuse to obey the public accommodations section of the new "Civil Rights Bill" (proclaimed an un-Constitutional invasion of private property by many authorities, both in and out of Congress), they will be held in contempt of court and deprived of their property.

This pitiful situation is perhaps best expressed by one of the affected restaurant owners who says:

This thing is more than just civil rights . . . if this law stands, Congress can pass any law it wants to, and that means a powerful centralized government with complete control over our lives and savings. I had to leave high school to earn my living, but under the American free enterprise system, I got what I've always dreamed of owning; my own business. I've fought and worked hard for what I've got. Now that it's almost mine and almost paid for, my government comes along and threatens to destroy me, instead of protecting me, just to please outside, trouble-making agitators.

The responsible citizens of St. Augustine have shown that they deplore violence and do not intend to use it. Naturally, they will resist laws that deprive them of their personal freedom and de-

stroy them financially—but they continue to see corrective action at the polls as the proper approach.

Their first concern, of course, is to correct the absolutely false and dishonest reporting that has cut their normal tourist trade in half. St. Augustine, today, is as safe a place for tourists, if not safer, than any other city in America. It is certainly far safer than our nation's capital where women fear to walk the streets alone at night, or even New York City, the site of the World's Fair. This fact is clearly realized by today's tourists who are delighted to find beauty and peace in this ancient town—instead of the ugly violence so falsely pictured by the hatchet men of the "Liberal" Press.

The second concern of St. Augustinians is to take corrective, legal action to undo the injustice which they feel has been imposed upon peaceful citizens of all races by the patently un-Constitutional features of the new "Civil Rights" law. Proper, peaceful action at the polls is again the approach they propose to take.

To this city, which so recently learned the meaning of the phrase "police state," Election Day, 1964 means more than it may seem to mean elsewhere in this great land. Citizens of this ancient and lovely city on the sea have already learned what "Liberalism" has in store for all Americans unless, as a nation, we once again honor our commitment to our God, to our founding fathers, and to the Constitution of the United States. In the meantime, they have entrusted us to remind you that *if it can happen in St. Augustine, your town could be next.* ■ ■

CRACKER BARREL

■ EAGLE ROCK—The Government's war on crime isn't everywhere victorious. According to "U.S. News and World Report," the Washington home of Chief Justice Earl Warren was broken into by a burglar on July fifth.

■ EAGLE ROCK — If I had to lose my life in a foreign war, I'd rather die as a U.S. soldier than as an "advisor."

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■ SELMA is a lovely tree-lined Alabama community, just fifty miles west of Montgomery, on Route Eighty. Twenty-nine thousand Americans live in Selma, conservative people, whose traditions are as old as Selma itself.

Yes, Selma, Alabama, is a Southern town — with all of the proud heritage and regional mores which that means. And, as elsewhere in the South, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was hard for most Selmans to accept. But there is a deep respect for the law which runs through Southern cities like Selma, and — bitter pill or not — Selmans had resolved to obey the law. As Chief of Police Baker told a local civic club meeting before trouble began there:

This administration feels that it has a responsibility to lead Selma in dignity through the maze of legal transitions resulting from the passage of the Civil Rights Act.

And he meant it. And the people of

Selma meant it. And, the transition was proceeding. Public facilities and accommodations had already been desegregated. In fact, in an effort to encourage more Dallas County Negroes to register and to vote (only twenty percent of the adult Negroes were then registered), the Dallas County Board of Registrars requested, and received, special permission to register voters for an additional ten days during January. Selma was not only living up to the laws of the land but was honorably going the extra mile — doing everything possible to forestall racial difficulty there. Like St. Augustine the spring before, Selma, Alabama, was the last place on earth that one would have expected to see the racist revolutionary, Dr. Martin Luther King. But there he was.

And again, Martin Luther King made all of the difference.

In the middle of January, Dr. King and his team of agitators arrived in Selma and checked into the hundred-year-old Hotel Albert, a magnificent old structure whose architecture was copied after the Doge's palace in Venice. Following a public tussle with an out-of-town agitator, for the benefit of a flotilla of photographers, Dr. King and his aides retired to make their plans. Other revolutionaries were arriving. There was the Rev. C. T. Vivian, and Carl Braden, and Abner Berry; and there was Walter Reuther, and Bayard Rustin, and George Lincoln Rockwell, and James Forman, and John Lewis, and the Rev. Wyatt T. Walker. They were coming. The word was out. Selma was next, and every

professional revolutionary who was anybody was there or would be there before it was over.

But why?

It was about voting rights for Negroes, they said.

But a curious thing happened. When the Registrars extended the time limit by ten days to encourage Negroes to register to vote, only thirty-five Dallas County residents showed up to register. Of those, twenty were Negroes — and each was duly registered. Then, on



Shuttlesworth heads Communist Front.

signal from the professional agitators now swarming over little Selma, Negroes came in unmanageable numbers — hundreds at a time, to deliberately create disorder and chaos. The “registrants” included school children, non-residents, out-of-state sympathizers, and illiterates — some of whom asked for the “welfare checks” which they had been told by King’s men they would receive there.

Finally, in an effort to ease the pressure from outside revolutionaries, U. S. District Judge Daniel H. Thomas of

Mobile guaranteed that all who wanted to register would be given the opportunity to do so by July of 1965, or the Court would proceed to register voters itself. The Judge even went so far as to ban the use of the State’s literacy test. All of this was way back on February fourth. Since that time, of the 2,000 persons who signed the Registrar’s “appearance book,” as required by the Federal Court order, only 336 have bothered to present themselves on registration dates for processing. And, eighty percent of the Negroes thus far called for registration have been so disinterested in registering that they have not so much as bothered to appear to satisfy the simple formalities.

Something is curious here, isn’t it.

The violence in Selma was supposed to be about the denial of Negro voting rights by racist white men — but a Federal Court had issued orders guaranteeing those voting rights, even to illiterate Negroes, long before the violence occurred. And Selmans were themselves encouraging Negroes to vote by getting special permission to extend the period of registration — again, long before the violence began. Yes, something is indeed curious.

So if the violence in Selma wasn’t about voting rights; if indeed Negroes, even illiterate Negroes, already had the opportunity to register to vote guaranteed to them by all of the power of the U. S. District Court, and by the goodwill of Selma’s Registrars themselves, what was it all about? What provoked all of the violence and hate and turmoil brought to Selma by professional agitators? If Negroes, even illiterate Negroes, could already vote in Selma, why did Martin Luther King, and Abner Berry, and the Rev. C. T. Vivian, and Carl Braden, and Walter Reuther, and Bayard Rustin, and Curtiss Hampton, and John Love, and James Forman go to Selma? What was it all about?

It was obviously about revolution.

It was in fact about Communist Revolution. But it didn’t begin in Selma. It began in Moscow.

I

AS A SIMPLE fact, the planning for what happened in Selma antedated the Russian Revolution; for the Communist tactics used in Selma were first developed as early as 1913, on orders from Lenin, by Joseph Stalin in his *Marxism and the National Question*. The idea was that to promote a revolution you might declare that some group within a legitimate nation is being oppressed and that this group is a separate people — a sort of enslaved nation within a nation—a colonialistic enclave, so to speak. Then, being careful to make use of any legitimate grievances which exist, and to manufacture hostility by promoting brutalities and violence on both sides, a “counter-community” might be set up and declared to be a legitimate government. Thereupon, the Communist theory goes, a “war of national liberation” can be begun — with particular terror being reserved for use against one’s own people (Negroes, or Muslims, or Croats, or Pathet Lao, or Vietcong) just to keep them in line and doing what their Communist masters have had in mind for them to do all along.

Now slogans are trotted out, and the propaganda wails while the violence flares. It’s “Asia for the Asians,” and “Algeria for the Algerians,” and “self-determination,” and “independence,” and “We Shall Overcome,” and another area of the world falls victim to a diabolically clever Communist revolutionary technique. Ask the people of Yugoslavia, and Algeria, and Vietnam, and Guinea and Ghana and Laos, Estonia, Rumania, Poland, Cambodia, Indonesia, and Kenya; and of Russia itself. Ask them if the technique works.

It was 1921 before the Communists got around to employing a “war of na-

tional liberation” within the United States. In that year, 1921, the directive came down from the meeting of the Communist International at Moscow that the American comrades were “to organize and lead the Negro masses.” A year later, in a raid on a Communist Party Convention at Bridgman, Michigan, federal agents captured secret orders from Moscow which specifically directed American Communists to “utilize the Negro mass movement for racial betterment” as an “auxiliary force



King Inciting in Selma.

in the class war.” The orders were signed by the “Executive Committee of the Communist International.”

By 1925 the Communists were making such headway in their design to capture control of the Negro “Civil-Rights” movement that it was thought practical to staff an open Communist Front for Negroes: the National Negro Labor Congress. In 1931, commenting upon this early manifestation of Communist effort, a special Committee of the House of Representatives concluded:

... there can be no doubt that the aim of the communists is to create a powerful proletarian movement which will fight and lead the struggle of the Negro race ... and thereby further the cause of the world revolution and the dictatorship of the proletariat.

It was 1928 before the Communists were ready to make public their real aims. Obviously, the earlier orders to capture control of Negro organizations were but a first step in a greater plan; that plan was set down in 1928 by Communist Joseph Pogany (alias John Pepper, alias John Schwartz, alias John Swift, *ad nauseam*), in an official Communist booklet called *American Negro Problems*. The Southern "black belt," Communist Pogany instructed the comrades, "constitutes virtually a colony within the body of the United States of America." And since, as he said, "Within the Negro population of the United States, the Negro working class is destined to be the vanguard of the liberation movements . . .," a Communist "war of national liberation" was in order. Then came the famous business about the establishment of a Negro Soviet Republic, providing "self-determination" for American Negroes.

It was now just a matter of time until St. Augustine, and Little Rock, and Selma. It was now just a matter of time until the Communists, working carefully and constantly, would capture control of the Negro rights movement and begin the revolution. Because good men did nothing to stop them.

In 1932 the then Chairman of the Communist Party, William Z. Foster, would again affirm the continuing Communist aim to control the "Civil-Rights" movement. He would explain specific Communist tactics:

Where no mass organizations exist in these fields the Party takes

the initiative in forming them; where such are already in existence, and are headed by conservative officials, the Party follows the policy of building an opposition within them and fighting for the revolutionary program and leadership.

Two years later, in 1934, the Communist Party would publish *The Negroes In A Soviet America*, by Communists James W. Ford and James S. Allen. Again, there would be the old gambit first laid down by Stalin in 1920, about "The Communist fight for the right of the Black Belt territory to self-determination." And again it would be pointed out by the Reds that "the revolution for land and freedom in the South and the proletarian revolution in the country as a whole will develop hand in hand." And, this time, actual and specific plans would be laid down for the establishment and organization of that separate Communist Negro state to be set up in America's Southland.

The scheme is still in effect. It is as Benjamin Gitlow revealed in *The Negro Question — Communist Civil War Policy*:

Communists and their supporters . . . intend to arouse to a fever heat the nationalist and chauvinist sentiments now finding expression in segments of the Negro population, into a drive for separation of the Negroes from the whites through the establishment of an independent Negro republic in the United States.

The communists are deliberately maneuvering among the American Negroes to create a situation for the outbreak of racial violence, to such an extent that it can be turned into a civil war — a civil war on a racial basis. . . . In such a civil war, should they succeed in fomenting it, the communists hope to so undermine



This billboard, on Route Eighty, shows Martin Luther King being trained at a Communist school.

the American government and our social structure that they can take over power. In the racial civil war they envisage, they are sure Negroes will be in the front ranks, the shock troops of the communist revolution.

Until recently, the Communist policy . . . has been to soft pedal their demand for . . . a Negro . . . separatist movement . . . to oust the white from the South, expropriate their lands and property, and establish a Negro Republic under communist hegemony. . . . [But now] the slogan of self-determination for the Negro . . . is in the forefront of the American Communist Party's general program. . . .

The communists . . . know where they are going and they are hell bent on getting there, even if they have to drown the American Negroes in their own blood to get the power they covet. [This is reprinted in the Congressional Record of August 7,

1963.—Ed.]

Mr. Gitlow should know, because for years he was General Secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A. But then, the Communists have made no effort to hide their real aims. They have said again and again that they seek to promote the revolution in America. As J. Edgar Hoover has told Congress:

... exploitation and the Negro population has been the Communist Party goal and the Negroes are today

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We Communists do not look for any special credits, but we are proud of the fact that of all the present political, religious or labor organizations now supporting the civil rights struggle, we have the longest record of continuous service, a com-

mitment that goes back almost 50 years. We now join with the millions in hailing the victories of Selma and Montgomery and pledge to continue to participate and to give our full support. . . .

II

So THAT'S what it's all about. So the violence in Selma and the South doesn't have to do with voting rights at all. So it has to do with Communist Revolution, with Communists intentionally setting the stage for race war. But, where were the Communists in Selma?

The invasion of Selma was sponsored, Americans will remember, by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The former seems to be the personal property of Martin Luther King, and the latter belongs to John Lewis and James Forman. Few Americans know that King's last three staff aides have been Bayard Rustin (a self-confessed former member of the Young Communist League, who has been convicted of lewdness and sex perversion in California, and who attended the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the CPUSA), Hunter Pitts [Jack] O'Dell (a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A., and so listed on their letterhead of November, 1961), and Wyatt T. Walker (editorial advisor to the Progressive Labor Movement, described by J. Edgar Hoover as a Marxist-Leninist group following the more violent Chinese Communist line). At the same time, it should be pointed out that the "Liberal" columnists Evans and Novak claimed in their syndicated column of March eighteenth that the other sponsor, SNCC, was "infiltrated by beatniks, left-wing revolutionaries, and—worst of all—by Communists." Those two columnists particularly single out Forman and Lewis as "extremists." Since Evans

and Novak are certainly "Liberals," and since one must assume therefore that they would never apply so febrile a term as "extremist" to mere beatniks, one wonders whether Evans and Novak are suggesting that Forman and Lewis are "socialist revolutionaries" or "Communists." They are certainly not beatniks.

At any rate, one begins to get the idea that Communists were not only present in Selma, but that they were among that revolutionary effort's official sponsors. And one gets this idea from the "Liberals" themselves—who are alarmed, as Evans and Novak put it, that Martin Luther King has "surrendered valuable ground to leftist extremists in their drive for control of the civil rights movement." Or that, as "Liberal" Joseph Alsop has said, King "has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting Communist collaboration and even Communist advice." Add now the presence in Selma of the Communist, and convicted bomber, Carl Braden; of Abner Berry, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, U.S.A.; of the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (identified by both House and Senate Committees as a major Communist organ in the South). Now add Roy Wilkins, Walter Reuther, James Farmer, George Lincoln Rockwell, C. T. Vivian, Bayard Rustin, Jack O'Dell, and Wyatt T. Walker.

What do you have?

Obviously.

You have Communist revolution in the streets.

To this curious and frenetic brew mix in beatniks, a couple of SNCC project directors like John Love (who wears lipstick, earrings, and women's shoes in court, and who gets invitations to the Inauguration of the President of the United States); a creature like Curtiss Hampton (alias Wolf Dawson,

alias Frank Dawson, with a police record in Chicago running to fifteen arrests); half a dozen kids hopped up on heroin; women of ill repute from as far away as Los Angeles and New York. Add perversion, and speeches, and revolutionary songs, and liquor, and dope, and flaunted sexuality.

What do you have?

You have what the Communists did to a little town in Alabama—a lovely little town that tried to be fair, and desegregated, and which got permission to extend voter registration for ten extra days to encourage its Negroes to vote. You have a Sheriff who has to house his family in the county jail to protect his loved ones from snipers and arson and violence. You have revolutionary agitators publicly relieving themselves in your streets, in full public view, and hurling empty whisky bottles and spent contraceptives into your parks and onto your sidewalks. You make a place where ladies aren't safe even in public after dark, and where a twelve-year-old girl is reportedly raped in the name of civil rights—and where no one can help because Federal troops are protecting the tents of the violators. You have immorality and violence and filth—and you begin to know what it's all about. And you go into your house and you close your door so you won't have to look at it—and, because you love your country and your town and your God, maybe you weep. You are a man; but the frustration overwhelms you and you want to cry, and maybe you pray and you wonder what to do.

III

WHILE SELMANS wondered, newsmen tramped their town, like ferrets, looking for sensational copy. Two newsmen from a national publication were jailed for staging the fake beating of a Selma Negro—complete with ketchup and a torn shirt and a pair of boots of the same sort worn by Alabama state troop-

ers. The Negro kept his twenty dollars; the fake photographs were taken as evidence. Other photos, equally phony, are not confiscated and appear in the national Press.

And then it happens. Finally a racist mob attacks the police in force. Now the reporters have their copy. It is March seventh; six hundred Negroes and whites stand at a bridge on Route Eighty. They block the road, and they want to march that way clear up to Montgomery. Curiously, Martin Luther King is not there, as if he is too valuable a man to risk in a simple mob action. Women "marchers" there are in high-heeled shoes. There is no provision for food or sleeping along the way. Clearly, the "big confrontation" is staged; no march is really intended. King's men want something else. State troopers order the agitators to disperse. They pray. They pray a long time. Then, they attack the police with bricks and bottles, and it continues. As an *Associated Press* report put it:



James Forman of SNCC.

The litter of broken glass and bricks hurled at Sheriff's deputies in the wake of Sunday's clash and the muttered threats heard here and there in doorways gave evidence of what one civil rights leader, James Webb, called "the natural desire of these people to retaliate."

Yes, there is a clash at the bridge. A policeman is kicked in the groin, and the troopers and deputies disperse the legal assembly. It is not done gently. Mob control and the public safety require that force is necessary when speeches and formal urgings to disperse are met with flung bricks and bottles—whether in New York or Rochester or Philadelphia or Boston or Selma. And force is used. King now has what he and the Communists have really wanted all along. As *Newsweek* put it, King had been after:

Paroxysm: For weeks, Martin Luther King had been escalating his Selma vote registration campaign toward the state he calls "creative tension"—the setting for a paroxysm of segregationist violence that can shock the nation to action.

The *National Observer* agreed. King conceded violence:

Martin Luther King needed (in Alabama) to dramatize his drive for voting registration . . . a campaign that had been lagging. What Mr. King really needed was some outrage against Negroes that would heat up tempers among both Negroes and those whites inclined to support the Negro cause.

King's men are, it turns out, so set on developing martyrs for their cause that when "Liberal" minister James Reeb is hit on the back of the head by hoodlum, and is taken to the office of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, it is decided not to treat

him locally and immediately. Instead of giving him the immediate hospital care he needed to save his life, Reeb is driven one hundred miles to Birmingham. Curiously, the ambulance carrying him has a flat tire. King's men wait. Another ambulance comes. Finally the Rev. Reeb is hospitalized. But it is too late. A doctor in Birmingham says that immediate treatment could have saved the man's life. But now he is dead; and King and SNCC have their martyr.

Later Rabbi Rubenstein of Pittsburgh, who went to Selma, says: "They wanted dead bodies, our bodies." He is right.

Now the Press has a field day. The Communist *Worker* details anti-Selma marches and meetings and speeches from Boston to Los Angeles. King and the Communists have won. Clergymen and beatniks and Communists and fools and sincere people come to Selma from all over America. The President spends \$400,000 to protect a racist march to Montgomery, and gives a speech and offers a bill to insure that even illiterates can cast ballots in those Southern States which voted for his opponent in the last election.

And everybody applauds. Like sheep, everybody applauds. Especially the Communists.

Oh, a few good Americans dissent. Archbishop Toolen, Catholic bishop of Mobile-Birmingham since 1927, says:

We know that all men, regardless of race or color, are made after the image of God. We know that all men are redeemed by the blood of Christ. All citizens are entitled to equal rights and privileges under the Constitution. But these problems must be solved in a lawful way. . . . There are crazy people on both sides. As good citizens we should try to control them. . . . We need some correction in our attitude toward the Negro people. . . . But do we

need crusaders coming in from other states to show us how to run the State of Alabama?

There are certainly things that need correcting, but with the same help of our people they will be corrected in time. The demonstrations are not helping and I do not believe that priests are equipped to lead groups in disobedience to the laws of the state. The need is for the people of this state to face the crisis together.

And, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama, Rt. Rev. C. C. J. Carpenter says:

I cannot be responsible for some Episcopalians from other parts of the country who have their homework so well organized that they can spend time telling us what to do in Alabama, but I hope they will soon go home and let us get on with progress we are trying to make in this part of our country for which we feel a special responsibility.

There are others who also object. A few others: Like Rabbi Richard Rubenstein, whom we have mentioned. He described the agitators there as "activists and revolutionaries who want to cause trouble rather than further Civil Rights." But on the whole, uninformed ecclesiastical opinion favors what King and the Communists, and those they used, did in Selma and on the march to Montgomery. Protests are few. And the way is cleared for next time.

Finally, Congressman William Dickinson speaks out on the Floor of the House of Representatives. He describes the march to Montgomery—the open sex and perversion and flaunted immorality. His speech gets seven paragraphs on Page 9 of the *Washington Post*; the *New York Times* buries it on Page 17, giving it exactly four inches. Then,



Marching to Montgomery.

Fulton Lewis Jr. picks up the story and broadcasts it coast to coast. America must know what happened! Lewis repeats the story on his next broadcast. But the wire services remain silent, and "Liberal" clergymen who were so keen for protest only a few weeks ago return to their efforts to date the New Deal back to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Nobody seems to care. We care. Here, in part, is what Congressman Dickinson reported. Here is the story as only Fulton Lewis Jr. has yet had the courage to repeat it. We know it is true because our own reporters verify it in detail. We didn't want to believe it. We checked again. It's true and here it is:

"Drunkenness and sex orgies were the order of the day in Selma, on the road to Montgomery and in Montgomery. There were many — not just a few — instances of sexual intercourse in public between Negro and white. News reporters saw this — law enforcement officials saw this, and photographs were taken of this I am told. I have

not seen the actual photographs, but they are being processed and compiled.

"Negro and white Freedom Marchers invaded a Negro Church in Montgomery and engaged in an all night session of debauchery, within the Church itself. The leadership of the Church had to get help to have these freedom marchers put out of their Church and even had to have the telephone disconnected because of the long distance calls. . . .

"Has anyone stopped to ask what sort of people can leave home, family and job — if they have one — and live indefinitely in a foreign place, demonstrating? This is no religious group of sympathizers, trying to help the Negro out of a sense of right and morality — this is a bunch of Godless riff-raff, out for kicks and self-gratification that have left every camp site between Selma and Montgomery littered with whiskey bottles, beer cans, and used contraceptives. I am prepared to prove these facts. If you wonder why the . . . Rabbi Richard Rubenstein and many other ministers and religious leaders left the freedom march in disgust, this is the reason.

"Who then, is the one or group that puts these groups together — that gives it cohesiveness, strength, money and direction? Who or what can weld this diverse group together into a formidable force that can — and has — overcome? The answer is this: The Communist Party."

As J. Edgar Hoover last year told the House Appropriations Subcommittee, Negroes "today constitute the largest and most important racial target of the Communist Party":

We do know that Communist influence does exist in the Negro movement and it is this influence which is vitally important. It can be the means through which large masses are caused to lose perspective on the issues involved and, without realizing it, succumb to the Party's propaganda lures.

What happened in Selma certainly proves how right J. Edgar Hoover can be.

IV

So WHAT does one do? As we have shown, the American Negro has been a first target of the Communist Party, U. S. A., since as far back as 1920. That he has withstood their efforts so long and so nobly is to his credit as a patriotic and religious American. Remember that in the same time the Communists have, using the same techniques, taken more of the world than was held by the Axis powers during the darkest days of World War II. The Communists are not easy enemies. They are shrewd and amoral and cunning and effective. That American Negroes have held out so long and so effectively until so recently is a cause for hope.

But, that Communist control of the Negro "Civil-Rights" movement is now a matter of fact, or merely a matter of time, should provoke reasonable Americans — white and black — to resolve that it is the hour for good men to stop doing nothing, lest evil triumph. It is time for good men to become involved in a major effort to free the "Civil-Rights" movement of Communist influence before it is too late. ■ ■

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 13th, with enclosures, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In addition, the FBI being strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you suggested.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect one prior outgoing to [Redacted] dated 7-18-60 in answer to a communication expressing concern over communist infiltration. The pamphlets he enclosed were prepared by "American Opinion." Bufiles contain a news clipping dated 4/9/62 from the "Publishers' Weekly" which stated that there were several American Opinion Libraries being founded throughout the United States which are closely allied with the John Birch Society. One is located at 41 Church Street (formerly 63 Main Street), Freeport, N. Y., one at 69 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut, and one located in Syracuse, N. Y., and Fort Wayne, Indiana. These libraries, as shown by other references in Bufiles present the works of Robert Welch, President of the John Birch Society, and his publication, "American Opinion."

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Because of these Libraries being affiliated with the John Birch
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refused on budgetary limitations.

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July 13, 1965

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I know how very busy you are and I don't like to bother you with trivial matters. However, something has happened locally which only you can straighten out.

Our local radio station carries a daily program, "Party Line." It is a program in which the public is invited to participate by phoning in questions or comments. About half the time the program features a guest and on the other days they have an "open line" and the caller may launch any subject.

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It is important that the truth be known.

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Most sincerely,

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Van Dyne, Wisconsin 54979

Dear [Redacted Name]

I received your letter of July 13th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as well as your kind sentiments.

With respect to your inquiry, while I have warned of the danger extremism of any kind poses to our freedoms, I have never named the John Birch Society as indicated in your letter. I have stated that I have little respect for the leader of that organization in view of statements he made linking former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of
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DATE:

June 30 1965

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant
Attorney General, Internal
Security Division

SUBJECT: Letter from [redacted] of El Dorado, Kansas

There is enclosed for your information a letter to the
Attorney General from [redacted] of El Dorado, Kansas.

A copy of our reply to [redacted] is attached.

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[redacted] said [redacted] is presently working as an [redacted] and living at [redacted] He is driving a 1958 Oldsmobile.

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No further investigation is being conducted by the Kansas City Office.

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In H
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Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Professional Building
120 South Gordy Street
El Dorado, Kansas

Dear

Your letter of May 18, 1965 to the Attorney General concerning the John Birch Society has been referred to this Division for consideration and reply.

Your interest in writing to us about the activities described in your letter is appreciated, and it is being forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its information.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By:

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Mr. Nicholas Katzenbach
U.S. Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

I represent a client in El Dorado, Kansas, who has discovered some information left by their tenant in an apartment rented by the client, which I think you might be interested in. This involves a young man who worked in this vicinity and was here about eighteen months. I do not know where he came from nor definitely where he went, but he left in a hurry and left behind some 3 x 5 cards, indicating he had been checking up on some of our local citizens. The information on the cards would indicate that he had even tapped their telephones.

I might dismiss this as a mere prank or as idle fancy, except for the fact that this man also left a membership card in the (John Birch Society) with a code number and indicated on the cards as to whether the parties he was investigating were "dangerous" or not. He also left some pictures of himself with daggers, guns, etc., and all in all I feel that this is a person that should be investigated by your office. Apparently, he was a rather withdrawn person and a young man, single, and the parallel to Lee Harvey Oswald is great enough that I believe the matter should be investigated.

One reason why I am writing direct to you is that the Wichita area has a strong and active John Birch Society chapter and I am led to believe that your Wichita FBI office does not take the John Birch Society very seriously and tends to discount any subversive activities on their part. So I would prefer to report this direct to you and have you ask some agent in the vicinity to make the investigation. Upon the appearance of an agent with proper credentials, I will be glad to have the client produce the information that I mentioned.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Kansas City

From: Director, FBI

EL DORADO, KANSAS
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 7-16-65

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory communication received by the Attorney General from captioned individual who is not identifiable in Bufiles. Also enclosed are two copies of the Department's reply to [redacted]

You should instruct a Special Agent to contact [redacted] and ascertain the identity of the individual he mentioned. Thereafter, this individual should be interviewed for any data of interest to the FBI.

Submit the results of this action, under the above caption, to reach the Bureau no later than 7-16-65.

Enclosures (4)

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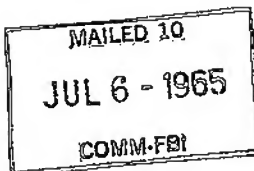
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Date: 7/15/65

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (94-915)

-RUC-

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

EL DORADO, KANSAS
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)
BUDED 7/16/65

Re Bureau airtel to Kansas City 7/6/65.

On 7/12/65, [REDACTED] Attorney, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] El Dorado, Kansas, advised the client referred
to in his letter to the Attorney General dated 5/18/65 was
[REDACTED]

On 7/12/65, [REDACTED]

El Dorado, Kansas, advised she rented an apartment to a man
by the name of [REDACTED] about 18 months ago. According
to [REDACTED] moved from the apartment about the
first of May, 1965. When she cleaned up the apartment, she
found a number of 3 x 5 cards containing names of persons with
notations on some of the cards. [REDACTED] also found a card
indicating [REDACTED] was a member of the John Birch
Society, QABF Chapter, which expires 12/17/65.

Sampling of comments on the cards are as follows:

[REDACTED]
Dangerous.

Has good record with OSS.

Trains men with fir [REDACTED]

Moves fast for build.

③ - Bureau
1 - Kansas City
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Special Agent in Charge

F. C. Wick

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[redacted]
Not dangerous at this time.
Probably never will be.

[redacted]
Meetings held here.
Electronic Bug produced good results.
No names mentioned.
Movie camera found and destroyed before meeting.
Probably found bug but left alone.
No dates mentioned probably information false.

[redacted]
Plays it like Negroes.
No Good - changes his tune at meetings held
each Tuesday at Church.

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[redacted] - Assassin for Comsymph's
6'1", crescent shaped scar left cheek, blond
crewcut hair, blue eyes, dresses neat, in blue
or grey suits.
Dangerous uses aerosol spray cans - summer.
Karate black belt.
Excellent shot, good with knife.
If he picks fight - use close in fighting.
Winter - uses needle w/nerve paralysis toxin.
Cannot be detected after 6 hours.
In Great Bend area as of 3/16/65.

[redacted] - very clever.
Neosho Falls - Feb.
Bug - negative.
Visitors - negative.
Leaves town often, K. C. 3 times one week March.
Wichita 2 times a week - Lassen Hotel.

[redacted]
Clever.
Tap produced nothing.
Code not breakable uses numbers.
Acts the part of a stupid man.

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[redacted]
Nice personality, but is a bluff.
Ringleader in NAACP El Dorado area.

[redacted]
Probable ring leader Wichita area.
Neosho Falls - Feb.

[redacted]
Possible pink, could be dangerous.

[redacted]
Negative - Possible with right contacts -
Has a socialist view closes his eyes to
reality and lives in the abstract.

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[redacted]
Negative report, but watch closely.

[redacted]
Dangerous position.

[redacted]
Dangerous position.

[redacted]
No Report.
Visitors come and go quite often from Sedgwick
County.

[redacted]
Sharp man - visits Arizona often - possible
socialist.
Although everyone who disagrees with him is a
Communist.
Could be bluff.
Stays to himself pretty much while in El Dorado
vicinity.

The following names appeared on cards, but no comments
or notations other than names and addresses were on these cards:

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said she is familiar with the names of most of the individuals as being some of El Dorado's outstanding citizens, but some of the names were foreign to her.

[REDACTED] said she also found discarded by [REDACTED] some photographs of him carrying daggers and guns.

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a quiet man who kept to himself and did not have many visitors. She said [REDACTED] was employed by the [REDACTED]

On 7/12/65, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of El Dorado, Kansas, advised her files indicate [REDACTED] was employed by the [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 1963 until [REDACTED] 1965. He resided at [REDACTED] El Dorado, Kansas, and was single. He reportedly was a member of the U. S. Army from [REDACTED] and his parents are listed as [REDACTED] Kansas. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] said she was attempting to locate [REDACTED] for an oil company for an unpaid account.

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On 7/12/65, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] had been employed by him as [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] 1963 to [REDACTED] 1965. [REDACTED] said his file indicates [REDACTED] was born [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Kansas and attended Fort Hays State College, Hays, Kansas, from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a very quiet person who seemed to have no particular friends or interests and was pretty much of a

"non entity." [] said he had never discussed politics with [] and had no knowledge of his being engaged in any political activity, or even being interested in this field.

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[] said he did not know it until after [] left, but learned later that [] had left the area about the same time as [] and he had learned they were presently living around [] and were now presumably []

On 7/13/65, [] El Dorado, Kansas, advised he is employed as [] and has been acquainted with [] for the past [] years. [] said he has learned after [] had left El Dorado that he had gone to [] [] applied for a marriage license, and [] assumes they are now married.

[] said [] told him he had done work for the CIA while stationed with the Army in Germany, that he was working for the CIA while in El Dorado, and might have to call on [] at some time for assistance. [] said in his opinion, [] is a "nut" and was just trying to impress him. [] furnished additional cards containing names of individuals in El Dorado and addresses containing no names. [] said he did not know what the significance of these names and addresses were.

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[] also furnished three pieces of paper containing the following notes:

"CIA to be disbanded all agents names to be given to Congress for investigation. Dr. Raustow suggestion Presidential memorandum tentative approval by August 65. Report given to State Department on Dr. Raustow as Agent of Foreign Power. Report filed presumably lost in State Dept. Report sent to McNamara on new Russian Plane that has minimum altitude of 80,000 feet and has capability of carrying

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *Ja*

DATE: 7-19-65

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT:
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

By letter dated July 12th, captioned individual wrote a very critical letter regarding the Director's article which appeared in the July 11th issue of "Parade."

Captioned individual's letter indicates she has construed this article to be an assault upon the people of the South in general and one in which the Director is urging youth to engage in civil right demonstrations. Her letter indicates a complete lack of understanding of the content of the article and that the writer is a biased individual with a closed mind with regard to events which have been transpiring in the South.

She enclosed a copy of a publication entitled "~~Revolution--~~ The Assault On Selma" which was published by "American Opinion." Bufiles reflect that "American Opinion" is an informal monthly magazine published by the John Birch Society and generally contains the views of Robert Welch, leader of the John Birch Society.

It is not felt that captioned individual's letter warrants a reply or that any purpose would be served in corresponding with her. Accordingly, it is not being acknowledged. She is not identifiable in Bufiles.

RECOMMENDATION:

That captioned individual's letter not be acknowledged.

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[redacted]
[redacted] Greenville, S. C. 29605

July 12, 1965.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F.B.I.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a very timely booklet written by Scott Stanley, Jr., who incidentally is not a Southerner, and I do hope, if you have not already done so, you will carefully read it, and then correct your advice to the young people which I read of in yesterday's Parade. If you think that our youth should engage in Civil Rights Demonstrations, after reading this booklet, and examining all the terrible crimes that have been committed in the North, (which you failed to mention in the article I read) but only condemn the things that have happened in the South, and I might add, egged on by thousands of beatniks, etc., from other parts of the country, I must say that I am terribly disappointed in you. If my memory serves me correctly, you called Martin Luther King a "notorious liar" and every where the man has gone, blood shed has followed. Is this the man you wish our youth to emulate? God forbid!

You have always merited my deepest respect for the courageous way in which you have handled your department, regardless of sectionalism. What made you change? I might add that the decent people in the South will have no part of the KKK, and you of all people should know this. If law and order are to be observed in the South, as well as elsewhere, then word should go out to the rabblers in the North, West and East to stay home and clean up their own backyards, and give the decent people in the South a chance to do the same thing.

[redacted]

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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~~X~~ **REVOLUTION**

The Assault On Selma

by

~~X~~ Scott Stanley, Jr.

booklet

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[redacted]
Trenton, N. J.
July 17, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like to know if there is any place that I could obtain information as to the correct ideals behind the John Birch Society. I realize that they claim to be anti-communist, but their literature will present only their view. Perhaps their view is correct, I do not know. Perhaps I am naive in my thinking but I prefer this country and its government but I realize also that it is impossible to be perfect, especially where human beings are concerned. The only perfect thing is God.

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I realize that the FBI cannot make evaluations of organizations or individuals, but it seems that there is no happy medium. The John Birch Society seems to be the extreme right and the Communist Party the extreme left. We should do all in our power to preserve the freedom that we have in this country, but how?

Any information you can give me regarding this matter will be greatly appreciated. My address is:

[redacted]
Trenton, New Jersey 08629

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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[Redacted]
Trenton, New Jersey 08629

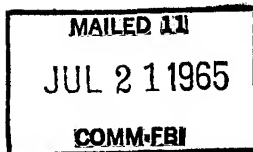
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 17th has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me.

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In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

[Handwritten signature]
JRH

Enclosures (2)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Excerpt from Director's testimony on Appropriation, 3/4/65, regarding the CP, USA.

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles, nor is there a record of [Redacted]

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Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Gandy	

July 14, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Again I want to commend and thank you for your department's efforts in the protection of freedom, and to ask for some information.

Concerning the John Birch Society, I understand that you made the following statement: "We have never investigated the Society. Our investigations are limited to subversive activities." I understand that this statement was made to the "Ladies of the Press" sometime last Spring, probably in March or April.

I would like to know if the above statement by you is correct as well as the date it was made and the event, and permission to have it printed in my local newspaper.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Box]

Goldsboro, N. C.
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[Redacted]

Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 14th has been received.

In response to your inquiry, on November 18, 1964, I held a press conference with a number of women newspaper correspondents. All of my comments were impromptu and no transcript was made; consequently, I cannot give you a direct quotation of my remarks. I did say, however, that the FBI had not investigated the John Birch Society. This statement is also true today, and you may quote this in your local newspaper.

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Enclosed is some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

4/17/62 Internal Security Statement
FBI Jurisdiction Does Not Cover Making Evaluations

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [Redacted] who was furnished printed material on communism by our letter of 1-22-65.

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[redacted]
Eaton, Indiana
July 19, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am concerned about the way things are going in our country. From the way things sound the communist are going to take our country over without having to as much as fight for it. I don't know how an individual can do anything to stop it. I think we should all be with the President in holding them off from without, but they are doing so much within that should be stopped. I believe if the people could be aroused enough to demand that the communist be sent home that would be a big step.

When I decided to write to you I had intended to ask your opinion of the John Birch Society. I have never gone to a meeting but have been asked.

I hear so much for and against this organization that I would like to know about them. Your opinion would be appreciated.

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7/21/65
ack 7-23-65
DRC/ML
[redacted]
Eaton, Indiana 47338

A house wife and mother,

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted Address]

Eaton, Indiana 47338

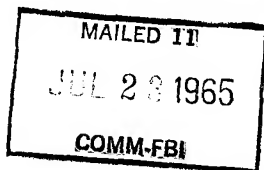
Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of July 19th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

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It is indeed a pleasure to hear from individuals who are aware of the menace communism poses to our freedoms. I am enclosing some material which contains suggestions all of us can use in opposing this insidious evil. You may also wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism." These were written to acquaint readers with the strategy and tactics of communists, both in this country and abroad. Copies may be available at your local library.



Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Communism and the Knowledge to Combat it!
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles

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Binghamton
N. Y.

Director FBI
~~Justice Dept~~
Wash., D.C.

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Dear Mr Hoover,

I am a [redacted] year old Pearl Harbor Survivor - a
member of the John Birch Society.

Have read "Masters of Deceit - twice - both
McArthur books plus a host of articles by such authors as Smoot,
Skousen, McIntire and of course Robert Welsh.

Some of my duped friends tell me to stop worrying,
besides my associates and sources of information are subversive,
and according to them are undermining confidence in our leaders.

I have one question to which I would like an answer:
Should I stop worrying!?

Sincerely

[redacted]

Binghamton N. Y.

P.S. This writer is not looking for an indorsement of any organization -
or individual. [redacted]

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Director FBI
Justice Dept
Wash., D.C.

Binghamton
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Dear Mr Hoover,

I am a [] year old Pearl
Harbor Survivor - a member
of the John Birch Society.
Have read "Masters of Deceit -
Twice - both Marjorie's books
plus a host of articles by
such authors as Smoot,
Skousen, McIntire and of
course Robert Welch.

Some of my duped friends
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So there are undermining
confidence in our leaders?

I have one question
to which I would like
an answer: Should
I stop worrying!?

Sincerely



Binghamton N.Y.

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individual.



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July 23, 1965

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[Redacted]
Binghamton, New York

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of July 18th and can understand the concern which prompted you to communicate with me.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this insidious philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

Enclosed is literature, some of which includes suggestions all of us can use in fighting this evil conspiracy. You may also wish to refer to my latest book, "A Study of Communism," which contains an analysis of international communist practices and contrasts totalitarian methods with life in a free country. This book may be available in your local library.

Sincerely yours, [Signature]

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (2)

Communism and The Knowledge To Combat It
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

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[Signature]

July 13, 1965

Los Altos, Calif.
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Miss Gandy	

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Have just read with interest your "Important Message for America's Youth" in our Sunday newspaper. I wonder if you would clarify something for me. You referred to the Ku Klux Klan as an example of the far right. What other groups would you classify (Minutemen?) as "extreme right"? The American Nazi Party has been labelled far right, but to me they are about as far left as the Comm. party.

I have been contemplating joining the John Birch Society but I knew from newspaper articles this group is sometimes labelled as a fanatical right wing extremist group, but after hearing talks by John Rousselet and reading R. Welch's Blue Book, they don't sound fanatical to me. They make a lot of sense. Being a mother of five boys, I would like your opinion on the John Birch Society before I join the organization, if you please.

In San Francisco recently, John Rousselet mentioned, in his talk regarding the U.N., an article you have written on communist subversion in the U.N. Would it be possible to obtain a copy of this? If there is a charge, please mail to me collect. Thank you.

I have read your "Masters of Deceit", and feel that the JBS offers the best educational program there is toward combatting communism in this country. Your views will be gratefully appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

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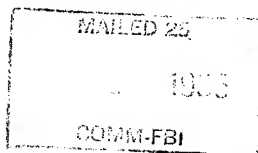
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I have discussed the operations of this Bureau in specific detail in my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, March 4, 1965. This has been printed in booklet form, and I am enclosing a copy for you. Please refer to page 68 for my discussion of the use of United Nations personnel as a cover for espionage activities. My remarks concerning the Minutemen organization appear on page 64, and you will find statements concerning the Ku Klux Klan contained on pages 81 through 87. I hope this information will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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*Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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John Birch Society

*P.S. I am just a plain old cotton
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February 5, 1965

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is reported, and I assume reliably, that on 12 October last, at Butte, Montana, you promised: "If I am elected the extremist groups that have infected this country will have the spotlight of publicity put upon them and the Klan and the Birch Society, and those others that preach hate, will have their robes pulled open where the American people can see them."

Now that an investigation by Congress of the KKK, as one of your more reluctant employers, I request that you make good on your promise, for if ever there was a good time to cash in on it, it is now.

I have no personal knowledge of either of the condemned groups, have never attended a meeting of either, am not a member, and never was asked to join either, except for a veiled invitation to unite with an exclusive group extended me more than 30 years ago.

How soon may we expect you to make your words good? I am especially desirous to see the robes of the members of the John Birch Society "pulled open".



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

July 10 1965

Address Reply to the
Division Indicated
and Refer to Initial and Number

[Redacted]
Glendale, Arizona

Re: [Redacted]

Your letter of February 3, 1965 to the President concerning the Ku Klux Klan and the John Birch Society has been referred to this Department for consideration and reply.

The only authority under which the Attorney General may designate organizations is Executive Order No. 10450, relating to the Federal employee security program. Membership in or affiliation with a designated organization is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service. The Ku Klux Klan has been so designated. Apart from this Executive Order we have no authority to characterize or evaluate organizations.

The wide public coverage which has been given to the John Birch Society during the past several years indicates that while it has been highly critical and even slanderous of many government officials and in strong disagreement with several governmental policies, it does not seek to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means, but rather it favors our constitutional form of government. Neither does the organization advocate or approve the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States. There has been no information indicating that it is dominated, financed or controlled by a foreign power or foreign political party or even subject to any foreign influence.

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Regarding the Blue Book, American Opinion and other publications of Mr. Welch and the Society, the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees to everyone the right to speak and put in print his views on a subject even though critical of our form of government or of our public officials. It grants to each person the right to associate and meet with persons of his own choosing. Despite the reprehensible nature of some publications, unless there is evidence of violation of a specific Federal statute, there is no action the Federal Government through the Department of Justice can take.

On the basis of the information which has thus far come to the Department's attention, there would appear to be no factual or legal grounds upon which the John Birch Society could be designated by the Attorney General under Executive Order No. 10450 even though we may have strong disagreement with its views.

In this connection, you may be interested to know that at a press conference at his office in Washington on November 18, 1964, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was reported by the press to have stated, "We have never investigated the Society. Our investigations are limited to subversive activities." Mr. Hoover was also reported to have commented that he had no respect for Mr. Robert Welch, the head of the Society.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

BY *Francis X. Worthington*

FRANCIS X. WORTHINGTON
Chief, Civil Section

July 22, 1965

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[Redacted Address]

Safford, Arizona

Dear [Redacted Name]

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Your letter of July 15th, with enclosures, has been received, and I want to thank you for the kind sentiments you expressed concerning my work. The material you sent is being returned.

It is a pleasure to learn that you enjoyed reading "Masters of Deceit." Perhaps you will also wish to read another of my books, "A Study of Communism." This represents a comprehensive study of the development and expansion of communism throughout the world. It may be available at your local library.

The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. Personally, I have had little respect for the head of the John Birch Society since he linked the names of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late John Foster Dulles, and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[Redacted Signature Box]

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Belleville, New Jersey

Dear



I have received your letter of July 19th.

In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

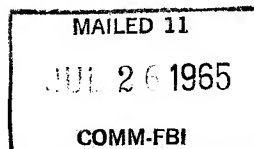
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July 20, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
United States Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to you in regard to a book called "The Witness" put out by Bantam Books. This I understand is suppose to be the Highlights of the Testimony before the Warren Commission.

A radio announcer on our local station (ON A PUBLIC OPINION TYPE OF PROGRAM) has been saying that you stated in this transcript that (QUOTE) "The extreme right is just as dangerous as the extreme left, like the radical groups who say that Eisenhower is a Communist and people who are trying to impeach Earl Warren" This announcer stated that you are referring to the John Birch Society.

I know that you cannot indorse any organization, but would you please let me know if you made this statement in this transcript. Also would you please explain what you mean by the Extreme right. I do not feel that you are feffering to the John Birch Society as a danger. Please correct me if I am wrong.

Thank you.

Sincerely, [redacted]

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With respect to your inquiry, I can assure you that I have never made a statement such as that contained in your communication; however, I have said that I have little regard for the leader of the John Birch Society since he made a statement linking former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and former CIA Director Allen Dulles with communism. You may wish to know that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

I have consistently emphasized that extremism of any kind which subverts our traditional democratic processes and undermines respect for law and order is alien to the fundamental guarantees contained in our Constitution. This includes false liberals of the extreme left, such as the Communist Party, as well as the counterfeit patriots at the fanatic limits of the far right, such as the Ku Klux Klan, who not only take the law into their own hands but use the laws of the United States to defeat the very purpose for which they were drafted--liberty and justice for all.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 19, 1965

The attached letter was referred to
the Director by Walter Winchell.

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July 5.

Dear Walter:

I came to work yesterday to finish some stories and ads for some coming films for U.A., after which I breezed across the street to the Statler Hilton Hotel for some refreshments.

Stepping in the drug store for a snack, I found the place crowded with "GOD FAMILY & COUNTRY" (last day), convention also known as the John Birch Society, which you no doubt know.

While sipping my soda, a number of its members came to the counter for refreshments and sat close to me. I then started to eavesdrop and their conversation thus: the subject was communistic commentators, naming Huntley & Brinkley, Martin Agronsky and many others of our great newscasters of which I failed to hear. I played Mickey the dunce and stalled for time.

I then left for the newstand to buy the first edition of the Record-American with the God Family and Country on my heels - still playing Mickey the dunce - the Record-American front page headline was as follows: MILLION \$ ATOMIC BLAST AT HARVARD - I mingled among them, while one of its members caught me reading the headline and looking over my shoulder he said "What a blessing" - I then said "you really don't mean that, do you?" He said "why of course" "don't you know Harvard is a communist college" Walter I had to control my temper and walked away.

I am sure your good friend J. Edgar Hoover would like to know of this scam. Incidentally, I saw Mr. Maddox, the restaurant owner from Georgia, who closed his joint so as not to serve negroes, was the main speaker at this convention. Please don't quote me but Dr. Passey, President of Harvard University should know of this trash.



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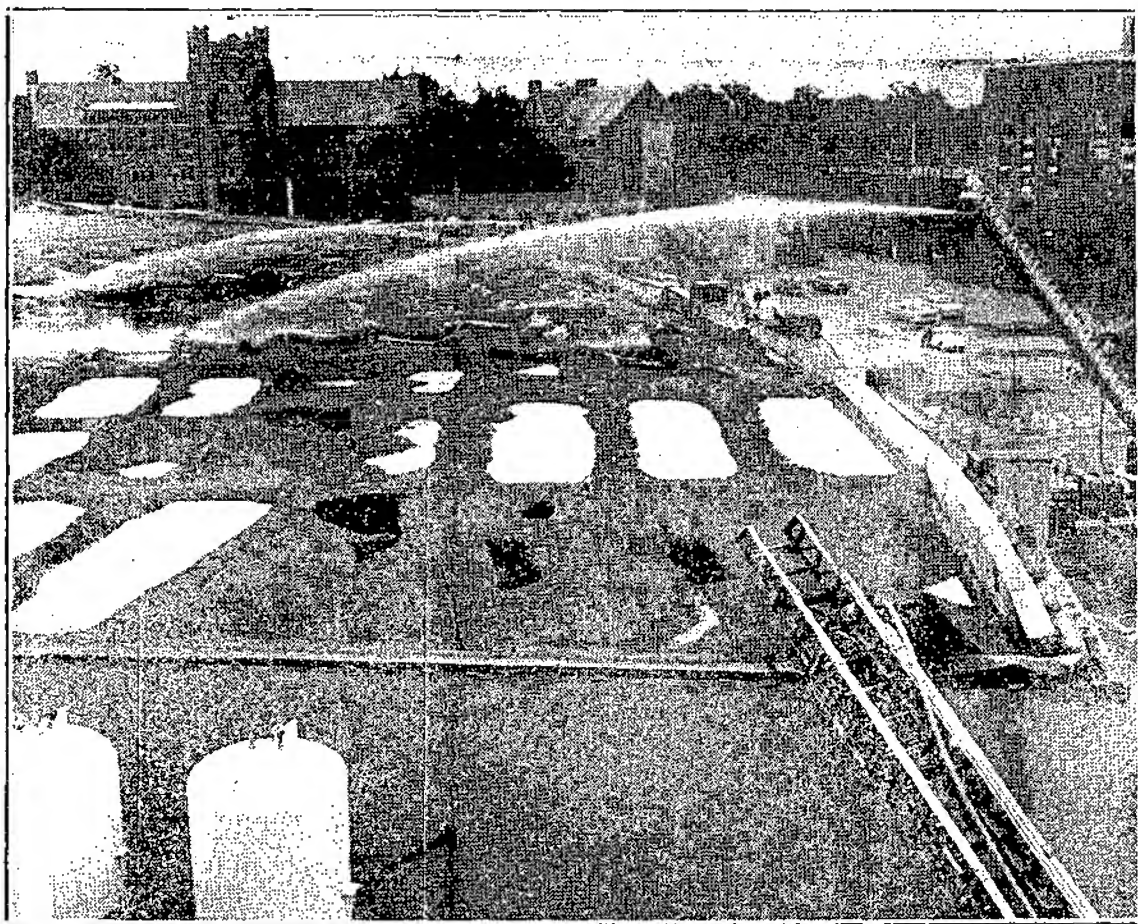


Million \$ Atomic Blast at Harvard

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Paris Crash Kills Playboy Rubirosa

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BLAST—A terrific explosion buckled and pierced this roof of the Cambridge Electronics Accelerator, in a congested area near Harvard sq., Cambridge. More than one-fifth of the complex was damaged and injured eight scientists and two Cambridge firemen. The research laboratory was established a few years ago by Atomic Energy Commission at an original construction cost of \$12,000,000. The explosion, according to a spokesman, occurred while liquid hydrogen was being fed into the bubble chamber.

Record American Photo, Kerus Cole

**--PROJECT VENUS--
ON BREAKFAST BEATNIKS**

By Jean Cole - Page 5

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GLAMOROUS NEW FURS**

By Ruth Mugglebee - Page 48

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Huge Blast at Harvard Lab

By ED MARTIN, BRUCE McCABE and BILL DUNCLIFFE

The nation's search into the secrets of the atom suffered a severe setback Monday when a multi-million dollar explosion and fire ripped through a research laboratory near Harvard Square, injuring eight scientists and two Cambridge firemen. Total damage was estimated between three and a half and five million dollars.

Scene of the ear-splitting blast was the Cambridge Electronics Accelerator, a two-building complex in the rear of 42 Oxford st. established three years ago by the Atomic Energy Commission at an original construction cost of \$12,000,000. It was operated jointly by Harvard and MIT, and was occasionally used by scientists from other schools as well.

Rendered totally useless by the explosion and flames was a \$1,000,000 hydrogen bubble chamber, a barrel-like apparatus 30 inches in diameter and 20 inches deep.

Officials estimated that about one-fifth of the complex was damaged.

Even more critical was the loss of time. It was estimated that some phases of the research program might be delayed as long as a year.

Officials said that scientists would be unable to get into the building until the entire roof is torn down—a task that may take several days—and only then will more exact estimates of damage be possible.

LIST OF INJURED

Injured in the blast, which occurred at 3:30 a. m., were: Arthur C. Reid, 19, of 33 North Main st., Avon; MIT sophomore Frank Feinberg, 20; Harvard graduate students Bent Huld, 25, of 158 Summer st., Somerville; John Schivel, Dennis Tinn, 25, and Lou Hand, 31, of 22 Robinson st., Cambridge; MIT graduate student Donald A. Golaski, 27, of 27 Pritchard ave., Somerville; Joseph Szymanski, 30, of 47 Irving st., Arlington; and Cambridge firemen Jay W. Milliken, 30, of 90 Washburn ave., and Francis X. Bransfield, 36, of Clay st.

Feinberg, Hand, Ehn and Reid—the latter a technical assistant at MIT—were taken to Mass. General Hospital with burns of varying severity. The names of all but Ehn were placed on the danger list.

CAUSE UNKNOWN

The others were taken to Cambridge City Hospital. They were believed to be less seriously injured, although Szymanski, an assistant professor at Harvard, had difficulty breathing, and Hand, holder of a similar position, suffered back injuries. Both Milliken and Bransfield were released after treatment.

What happened was not entirely clear, even to scientists

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Donald Golaski, MIT Graduate Student, Was Injured.



Dana Farnsworth (Left), Chief of Harvard University Health Service, Discusses Explosion With Dr. M. Stanley Livingston, Director of Facility That Was Ruined by Blast (Record American Photo, Kevin Cole)

HARVARD-MIT PROJECT

Titanic Energy Created

By MARY X. SULLIVAN

The explosion-wracked \$12-million electron accelerator in Cambridge was financed by the Atomic Energy Commission, operated by Harvard and MIT and was the first, the biggest and most advanced of its kind in the world.

The heart of the accelerator was a giant circular track which has been compared to a hollow doughnut 236 feet in diameter, shielded above by 15 feet of concrete and along its sides by concrete walls 8 to 16 feet thick.

Around this circular track, electrons streaked almost at the speed of light, kept on the path inside the track by a series of 48 12-foot magnets, each weighing six tons.

EXPERIMENTAL HALL

The electrons got their impetus from radio-frequency boosters at the rate of 32 per circuit taking 0.7 of a microsecond. After the particle had been hurtled around 10,000 times, it reached a maximum of six billion electron volts.

At maximum energy they were channeled through the shielding wall into the adjacent experimental hall, as big as a football field.

The purpose of the accelerator is to provide scientists with more knowledge about the structure of the atom, particularly the nucleus, which contains a neutron and a proton. Studies of the nucleus made possible by this scientific colossus would help scientists probe fundamental secrets of matter and might alter present theories of atomic structures.

FOREIGN VERSIONS

Scientists from all over the world have flocked to Cambridge to observe the accelerator and to return to their countries to build their own. West Germany has completed its version of the Cambridge electronic accelerator and its scientists hope to push it to

seven billion electron volts (BEV), one BEV more than the track record at Cambridge.

The Soviet Union is building a similar plant in Armenia, its completion still two years away. The British government is constructing one near Liverpool which will be completed in four years.

The Cambridge accelerator normally employs a total of 165 persons on a two-shift, seven-day-a-week operation. At the time of the explosion on the holiday weekend a smaller group of persons were working there.

U. S., South Korea Plan Troop Pact

SEOUL (AP) — The United States and South Korea have agreed to sign a status-of-forces agreement in mid-July, informed government sources said Monday.

The two countries have been negotiating since 1960 to conclude an agreement to govern the status of about 60,000 American troops stationed in Korea.



Gustav-Adolph Voss (Center), Assistant Director, Research Complex, Asks Others If Everyone Had Gotten Safely Out (Record American Photo, Dick Tromson)

Cong Wave Spills Over Guard Post

SAIGON (UPI)—A battalion of Communist guerrillas, attacking in human waves, Monday stormed through the government outpost at Ba Gia, 330 miles northeast of Saigon. One American was killed, two were missing and three more wounded. Vietnamese losses were believed heavy.

In air action, 25 giant B52 bombers of the U. S. Strategic Air Command flew across the Pacific Ocean from Guam and rained 300 tons of bombs on a suspected Viet Cong stronghold 35 miles northeast of Saigon. The jets hit the target in two separate waves.

American military spokesmen said a battalion of guerrillas swarmed through Ba Gia, occupied the garrison briefly, captured two 105-mm howitzers and ammunition for the weapons, then disappeared into the flat grasslands and paddy fields around the old fort.

The one American who was killed and one missing American were military advisers stationed with Vietnamese troops at Ba Gia.

COPTER DOWNED

The guerrillas shot down an armed U. S. Army helicopter. The pilot and two crewmen escaped with minor injuries, but the co-pilot was missing.

The guerrillas hammered the garrison with a barrage of five 81-mm mortars and 75-mm recoilless cannon, then swarmed over the outpost from all sides.

Vietnamese units reoccupied the outpost, but a later attempt to reinforce the badly depleted defenders failed when one of two troop-carrying helicopters was able to land. The Communists zoned in on the landing zone with mortars.

In addition to the big howitzers, the Viet Cong captured two ammunition trucks loaded with about 200 rounds of ammunition for the heavy artillery pieces.

'QUITE HEAVY'

Vietnamese casualties were not announced, but U. S. authorities said they feared they would be "quite heavy."

U. S. planes made a successful bombing mission against a Viet Cong fuel depot about 27 miles from Pleiku and other aircraft probed within 65 miles of Hanoi, capital of North Vietnam.

F-104 Starfighters scored direct hits on fuel-storage areas in the vicinity of Pleiku and reported 90 buildings destroyed during the four-hour attack.

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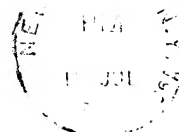
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,

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Bernardsville N.J.
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Mr Hoover

I have not had time to find out what is the John Birch Society? I have seen advertisement's in the local paper to send in for pamphlets. You Sir and youre men have been so loyal to our Government I felt it best I get it from you. I do at times get fed up on political lies, and the corruption in W. D.C. it is hard for a small man to know what to do. I did read Washington Confidential take it from there.

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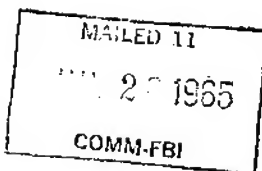
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Bernardsville, New Jersey

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of July 23rd and want to thank you for your complimentary remarks. I can assure you that all of us in the FBI will strive to merit your continued approval.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested. You may wish to know, however, that the FBI has never investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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July 22, 1965

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Gentlemen:

I am a member of the John Birch Society. On May 16, 1965, I attended a lecture at the North Shore Unitarian Church of Deerfield, Illinois—(minister— Rev. Russell Bletzer) on "Extremism—Sickness of the Sixties", delivered by one Gordon Hall. *gll*
Mr. Hall, as you know, I'm sure, travels the country minimizing the communist threat and defaming the John Birch Society. To lend credence to his hate for communism, he represents himself as having worked for and with the FBI. Can you verify this for me? I understand full well that you do not make evaluations to the public of individuals or organizations. I am only asking whether he is representing himself correctly. It is hard for me to believe that your fine organization would employ the services of a man of Gordon Hall's character. The man has not one ounce of integrity or honesty in him, I learned after listening to him proclaim one falsehood after another, so unabashedly. May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely,

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[Redacted]
Highland Park, Illinois 60038

*member of
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 22nd has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I can assure you Mr. Gordon Hall was never an employee of the FBI. Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. In view of this, I am sure you will understand why I cannot comment further on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

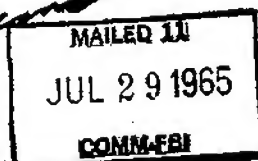
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. There is no derogatory information in Bufiles concerning Reverend Russell Bletzer, and we have had prior correspondence with him, last outgoing 3-15-62. Gordon Hall, a lecturer and free-lance writer on extremist topics, has been cooperative with the FBI in the past and has furnished reliable information to our Boston Office. We have had numerous citizens' inquiries regarding him and he had to be contacted and advised to stop implying that he had the support of the Bureau to which charge he denied such action.

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Renton, Washington 98056
July 21, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate your adding the following statements and enclosed Xeographed copies to my file:

I have joined the John Birch Society, Chapter DXCO, and the Young Americans for Freedom. The reasons for having done so were stated in my May 6, 1965, letter.

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I have also completed and sent (June 21, 1965), an application to the Minutemen. I enclosed a five dollar bill (\$5.00), in that they will not accept a check. An Xeo-graph copy of this application is enclosed. Also enclosed is a carbon copy of the letter I sent to Robert DePugh. The original was typed on a piece of my "Action Beats Communism" stationery. That's the ONLY difference in the letter. Additionally is an Xeographed copy of "Report #1" of the Minutemen, which will be sent out to them when I mail this letter; along with a carbon copy of a note to DePugh.

As for joining the Minutemen is concerned, I have done so for information alone. I cannot go along with or believe in their militant methods of combatting Communism. I agree Communism should be fought, and defeated. I don't, however, ~~feel~~ that the danger is strictly internal, as they say. Granted, they are here in the USA trying to stir things up. The real danger seems to be more from external subversion in other countries.

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I assume I will be taking a "correspondence course in guerrilla warfare", plus other tactics necessary to "fully educate myself". Then too, I will probably have to purchase weapons for "my self-defense". When I purchase a weapon to secure myself a position within this organization, I will inform you of such a purchase. Already I am negotiating with the "Southern Information Service" for a 81 mm Russian mortar. I have no use for these weapons, ~~and will not use~~ them. I'll only purchase them if they'll help me get the type of information I want.

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Also, July 17, 1965, I met with Edmond A. Crump, Thomas C. Robideau and Rodger K. Gerber of the National Party of America. We met at Mr. [Redacted] home. This NPA is an anti-Semitic, anti-Negro group; one I cannot agree with at all. I am, however, playing along with them for information and other data--just as with the Minutemen.

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I have also taken out subscriptions to the following magazines and newsletters:

- 1) Young Socialists
- 2) The Militant
- 3) Independent American
- 4) Christian Crusade Magazine
- 5) American Opinion
- 6) Paul Revere Associated Yeomen, Inc., "Alerts"

I subscribe strictly for the information, not because I believe in what is espoused in them.

I would appreciate acknowledgment of the receipt of this letter.

Also, I would like information on how I might obtain past as well as future FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin and other public information issued by the FBI.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



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MINUTEMEN

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

City _____

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: The Minutemen are the most dedicated, most active and best disciplined American organization in the fight to preserve our Constitutional Republic. Experience has shown that the greatest single danger to an anti-communist organization is the possible infiltration of enemy agents as new recruits. Although we recognize the applicants' reluctance to give information about themselves, the following data is necessary if we are to accurately judge our new members' degree of sincerity and reliability. These application forms are stored in such a manner as to be quickly and completely destroyed if any attempt is made to seize them.

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PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

Enclosed is my initial membership fee of \$5.00 which includes one year's subscription to "On Target", the organization's monthly publication.

I have read the basic Minutemen literature including "Notes for Prospective Members" and a "Short History of the Minutemen". I agree with the basic programs and policies of the organization as the most practical way of combating the communist-socialist menace and defending both our national and individual freedom. I realize that the cause of freedom requires personal sacrifice and am willing to pledge my best efforts to the preservation of our American heritage.

Signature _____

(complete reverse side also)

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See and file

June 21, 1965

Mr. Bob DePugh, National Coordinator
The Minutemen
P. O. Box 63
Norborne, Missouri

Dear Mr. DePugh:

You will find enclosed a five dollar bill (\$5.00) for my initial membership fee.

The enclosed information you sent was very helpful and has shown me that now, more than ever, we must educate ourselves to fight Communism effectively. I realize there is alot of work to be done to educate myself. This is why I am willing to complete correspondence training before being assigned and accepted.

Then I will leave it up to you as to where you feel I could be of most help to the Minutemen. Either as a member of a combat team or in intelligence is all right with me. Wherever I can serve best.

Yours for a Free America.

Sincerely yours,



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REPORT NO. 1

From: (Name or Identification No.) _____

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Give address only if you wish future mail sent to a different address from that which we now have in our files.

Street _____ City _____ State _____

X I accept Provisional Membership in the Minutemen program. I will finish my training program and qualify for full membership as quickly as possible. Meanwhile I agree to pay my dues regularly and to carry out to the best of my ability all duties which may be assigned to me by the organization.

_____ I do not feel that I would profit by the Training Program but I wish to continue as an Associate Member. As such I agree to pay my dues regularly and will help support the organization in every way possible.

_____ I do not feel that I can accept the responsibilities of membership in the Minutemen organization. I (do - do not) _____ wish to continue receiving the monthly newsletter, On Target.

X Enclosed \$1.00 for the first lesson of the Basic Training Program.

Remarks:

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How did you first learn of the Minutemen Organization?

Through Richard Cotton's radio broadcasts over KBLT in Seattle. Later was advised to join the Minutemen by Mr. [REDACTED], New Orleans, LA.

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What type of activity do you feel you can engage in most effectively? (Member of combat team, Intelligence or espionage work, communications, weapons, medical, etc.)

Either combat or intelligence & espionage

Are you willing to complete correspondence training in some specialized activity?

Yes.

How much time per week can you devote to organizational activities?

As much time as is necessary to perform my tasks properly and effectively for the good of the organization and my Country.

Remarks:

I would say only, that I want to be part of the active movement and to know how to actively defend and protect myself, my family and my fellow Patriots.

Actions speak louder than words. I'm tired of attending meetings and talking about "what will happen if the communists take over." I know what will happen, as does any other Patriot. I want to know what I can do that will be effective in fighting communism.

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Born New Haven, Conn,

R. APPROX.

[Redacted]

Renton, Washington 98056

Dear

[Redacted]

Your letter of July 21st, with enclosures, was received in Mr. Hoover's absence; however, you may be certain your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return. I know he would want me to tell you that the information you made available will be made a matter of record in our files.

With respect to your request, the great demand for our FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin has necessitated a policy of restricting its distribution; therefore, it will not be possible to accede to your wish.

Sincerely yours,

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Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: We have received prior correspondence from [Redacted] which has been acknowledged by in-absence reply. He is a member of the John Birch Society and the Minutemen.

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July 29, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover
 United States Department of Justice
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, D. C. 20535

John Birch Society

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Thank you for the prompt reply to my letter. I have a lot of respect for you and for the way you handle things. May God help us if we didn't have a man in there like you. I also have found your book "Masters of Deceit" very helpful in the study of Communism.

I also have a lot of respect for Mr. Welsh, after reading the Politician and studying the huge amount of documentation I have come to the conclusion that Mr. Welsh must have enough reasonable evidence or he could be in a lot of trouble for coming to the conclusions that he did. May I ask if you have read the Politician? You are a man of facts and I deeply believe in digging into things and searching out the truth.

I am very concerned about the menace of communism in this country and throughout the world and am trying to do all I can to help other people see it too.

Sincerely, *Fond du Lac, Wis.*

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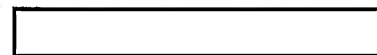
Thank you

Dear Mr. Hoover

I am a member of the John Birch Society, and have told my family the things we have heard of; like the communist in our government like most people we talk to they do not believe we could ever be taken over by the communist, Because they say our government wouldn't let a thing like this happen. They do not believe that the communist will hurt us even if they did, I would like to know how many ~~knew~~ communist that you know of are in our government right know, and also if Alger Hiss was ~~hireid~~- ~~hierd~~ back into the government or somewhere else, and also how many do you suspected. and if you could find out If Kennendy did make a deal to take missels out of turkey and Italy if ~~Wa~~ they take their out of Cuba and if we did take our missles out of Turkey and Italy. please send me all information on the communist in our gover m ent



For God and Country



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Thank you very much

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Chicago, Illinois 60608

Dear



I received your letter of July 27th and want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you understand the necessary reasons for this policy and why I cannot comment as you suggested.

You may be assured that the FBI is ever aware of its responsibilities regarding the internal security of our Nation and will make every effort to continue to discharge its obligations with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 8-5-65

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page A4310. Congressman Roca, (D) Wisconsin, extended his remarks concerning national security and individual freedoms. He pointed out that the major threat is communism. However, while most of our attention is

focused on this primary threat, another threat is stealthily stalking our land. It is a threat from the self-appointed superpatriots of the John Birch and Minuteman ilk who would suppress our individual freedoms in the name of superpatriotism." He included an editorial from the Sheboygan Press.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 8-4-65 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Double-Talk

*The Communists speak of "peace," "justice," "democracy."
What do they mean by these words?—Required reading
for every American who values his liberty and his life*

BY J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Communists use words that have one meaning to good Americans and quite another meaning to Communists. When they speak of "peace," for example, they really mean "war," and when they shout for "democracy," what they are actually after is "dictatorship."

Americans must realize that to a Communist, when expedient, black is white and white is black. When a Communist praises democracy, freedom, peace, or justice, he is lauding only his own distorted concepts of these things.

Unfortunately his shrill rantings at Lake Success and in his controlled or subsidized press are not without profound effect. For proof, one need only look at the long list of disenchanted Communist dupes, some of them prominent and successful Americans of superior education who for years have been parroting the party line; and, more recently, the list of American signatures on the Stockholm "peace" petition.

To counteract the infiltration of subverted words doing Stalin's work in our midst, we ought to arm ourselves with this devil's dictionary of Communist meanings of familiar words. It will help expose the deceit, duplicity, and treachery of American Communists.

AGGRESSOR To the Communist, an aggressor is any nation that resists Communist invasion. In other times, a nation that invaded the territory of another was an aggressor. The Communists have reversed this. Historic examples of "aggressor" nations are Finland and South Korea.

BOURGEOIS This word was used originally to describe a person of the middle class, particularly a merchant, shopkeeper, or the like. When used by Communists, it describes anything or anyone whom Communists would ridicule, discredit, or hold in contempt. "Bourgeois democracy" is the kind that exists in America today, which Communists regard

Excerpts from
a speech before
the United Nations
by Winston
Churchill

Photos by I.N.P.



"The people of South Korea
were deprived of all democratic
freedoms . . ."



"... American interventionists
... wanted to increase their
aggression in Korea . . ."

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Reprinted from Cosmopolitan Magazine, November, 1950.

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Dictionary

as for the rich only and intend to destroy. Bourgeoisie designates the class to which the bourgeois belongs; to Communists, the capitalist class.

CAPITALISM According to Communist interpretation of world trends, capitalism is a system of the past—weak, dead, or dying. Communists have no difficulty in reconciling this notion with their equally firm dogma that it is not possible to rid the world of capitalism without the use of force and violence. The task of every Communist is to direct, hasten, and complete this revolution against the corpse of capitalism.

COMMUNISM A way of life advertised as “twentieth-century Americanism,” war in the guise of “peace petitions,” atheism camouflaged as “humanism,” and slavery cloaked as “liberation.”

DEMOCRACY A useful word defined by our own dictionary as “government by the people.” The Communists find it necessary to refer to their conquests as “people’s democracies,” a curious redundancy suggesting they are neither. Communists praise democracy only because it grants them freedom to plot the overthrow of the government. Lenin’s declaration that the Soviet Union is “a million times more democratic” than the most advanced capitalistic democracies of the West is applauded by the fourteen million residents of Soviet slave-labor camps.

DEPRESSION A condition existing only in capitalistic countries; unthinkable in Communist nations, where there is never a shortage of rocks for slave laborers.

DISARMAMENT According to the Communist definition, this means the demobilization of the armies, navies, and war-production facilities of non-Communist countries. Often confused by imperialists and warmongers to include the disarming of the Soviet Union as well—a pernicious notion not shared for an instant by ideologically sound Communists.

EDUCATION Indoctrination of the Communist young with the difference between right and left instead of between right and wrong. Geography teachers stress the fact that the world is divided into two parts—present Communist countries and future Communist countries—the future belonging to the pupils—if they live.

EQUALITY The principle by which hard-working, resourceful, conscientious, and gifted individuals are made equal to those not burdened with these capitalistic attributes.

FREEDOM Emancipation from the necessity of choosing one’s political party, deciding what job to take or what kind of newspaper to read. Communist freedom reaches its highest form in the holding of free elections that, by definition of the Soviet Army’s official newspaper in Germany, are “free from anti-Soviet agitation and free from the demagoguery of opposition parties.”

IMPERIALISM Any policy pursued by a nation opposed to communism.

JUSTICE A quality of law Communists demand for themselves



“... Asiatic countries who are striving for freedom and national independence.”



“These are the forces of freedom in true People’s Democracies.”



“... the crude, ruthless, barbarous, imperialistic armed aggression of ... America ...”

Double-Talk Dictionary

in order that they may later deprive others of it.

LIBERALISM. The early regard some liberals had for communism is history's greatest example of unrequited love. Communists have contempt for liberals. They will, however, "use" a liberal-minded person, or anyone else, to support Communist programs whenever they can. At no time will a Communist cooperate with a liberal unless cooperation will ultimately strengthen the Communist position. And when Communists take over, liberals share cells with reactionaries.

MARRIAGE. The carry-over of a "bourgeois prejudice" in the interest of producing future Communists.

PEACE. Non-Communists believe it possible for different peoples and different nations to reconcile their conflicts and live in peace with one another. Communists do not. When they say they want world peace, what they are really saying is that they want world communism, because they proceed on the assumption that the two are identical. It is impossible to have peace, they think, without also having communism, which allegedly removes the causes that disturb the peace of the world. As Communists are ready to make war to bring about a Communist revolution, they are thinking of war when they speak of fighting for peace.

RELIGION. According to the Communists, religion resulted from superstitious, fearful, and distorted imaginings of primitive man, related to his desire to explain nature. Any attempt to explain nature

is grounds for capital punishment in Communist countries. The Bible is anathema to the Communist rulers because it stresses peace and tranquillity in the social order and advances the imperialistic theory of the brotherhood of man. To them, the only true religion is communism, and Stalin is its prophet.

SCIENCE. Remarkably well developed by the Communists, who claim to have invented the steam engine, the electric light, the telephone, and a number of other things they do not care to divulge until such time as we discover them for ourselves.

STRIKES. A right of workers in capitalistic countries by means of which Communists hope to establish their form of government (in which strikes are forbidden). Strikes in heavy industries and in transportation are highly important, but any kind of strike is regarded as water on the Communist wheel. The last thing Communists are interested in is the improvement of wages or working conditions, for this leads to fewer strikes and less discontent.

TREATY. That which usually precedes a declaration of war. A nonaggression pact between two countries leaving them free to make war on a third.

A JUST WAR. A military struggle to "liberate" people from the "yoke" of capitalism so they may live under the yoke of communism.

WARMONGER. One who would defend his country against Communist aggression.

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American Opinion Book Store
420 South Bascom Avenue
San Jose, California

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Dear [Redacted]

Your communication of July 30th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, our supply of the publication entitled "Double-Talk Dictionary" has been depleted. I am unable to suggest any source where you can obtain this article; however, it was published in the November, 1950, issue of "Cosmopolitan" magazine.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Her surname was verified in the telephone directory. "Double-Talk Dictionary" was a 3-page article by the Director published in "Cosmopolitan" magazine in November, 1950. The Bureau no longer has copies of this article available for distribution. Bufiles contain a news clipping dated 4-9-62 from the "Publishers' Weekly" which stated that there were several American Opinion Libraries being founded throughout the United States which are closely allied with the John Birch Society. These libraries, as shown by other references in Bufiles present the works of Robert Welsh, President of the John Birch Society, and his publication, "American Opinion." (62-104401-A; 94-55866-126; 62-104401-1564 and 94-5-49633). Because of these Libraries being affiliated with the John Birch Society, requests for publications in volume from them are refused on budgetary

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Aug. 3, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover;

For several years now, I have read and heard conversations and discussions concerning the "John Birch Society," some of my acquaintances have tried to get me to attend some of the J.B.S. meetings, so far I am not convinced, is it good or not good? Can we help America by helping to promote the JBS? etc.

May I ask you, is this a worthwhile organization? Can it be of value etc.

Since I was quite young your opinions and work has been of great interest to me and my family.

I realize perhaps there may be another agency I could ask, I'm not sure who tho'. u

I am inclosing one of many articles that have appeared in our local newspaper, I would so appreciate your help in this matter.

Thank you so much for your time, which I know you have so little of for all these details, but to me this is of great importance.

Most sincerely

/s/

Chesterton, Ind. 46304

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I am inclosing one of many articles that have appeared in our local newspaper, I would so appreciate your help in this matter.

Thank you so much for your time, which I know you have so little of for all these details, but to me this is of great importance.

Most sincerely

CORRESPONDENCE

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August 9, 1965

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[Redacted]
Chesterton, Indiana 46304

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of August 3rd, although the enclosure you mentioned was not furnished. It was good of you to express kind sentiments concerning my work, and I want to thank you.

Information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

While I would like to be of service, I am unable to advise you where the information you desire may be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent, although our letter of 7-12 -65 to a [Redacted] at the same address furnished information concerning the crime problem.

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Marshall, Ill
Aug. 5, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all I want to express my gratitude and deep appreciation to you for your entering service to the people of the United States of America and the world. Thank you again and again!

I do not want to be a bother but since I do not know where to find the following information I am writing to you.

In order to get a crowd together here in Marshall, Ill. population about 4000, to start a John Birch Society group - the John Birch Club - I sent out unsolicited invitations to a meeting in which were enclosed 2 copies of F. B. reports concerning Communism. I want to know if it is good for our country to work with this group or if it interferes in a detrimental way some of our governments' efforts. The John Birch Club are determined to impeach Earl Warren. Should he be removed from the Supreme Court? Does he deserve such, has he worked in a communistic way?

Also what about Harry & Bonaro Overstreet. Are their writings good to read, such as, "The Strange Tactics of Extremism".

It is so difficult for a plain ordinary individual to know exactly what is best to read.

Thank you.

Yours respectfully,

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Marshall, Ill
Aug. 5, 1965

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all, I want to express my gratitude and deep appreciation to you for your untiring service to the people of the United States of America and the world. Thank you again and again!

I do not want to be a bother but since I do not know where to find the following information I am writing to you.

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It is so difficult for a plain, ordinary individual to know exactly what is best to heed.

Thank you.

Yours respectfully

[Redacted]

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August 11, 1965

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[Redacted Address]

Marshall, Illinois 62441

Dear [Redacted Name]

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I received your letter of August 5th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to the John Birch Society, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment about this organization. The FBI has not investigated it.

With regard to your other inquiry, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of the FBI. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I cannot comment along the lines you have suggested.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.
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Lutheran Brotherhood

LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LUTHERANS
701 Second Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minn. 55402 • Phone 339-4801

Mr. Tolson	_____
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August 6, 1965

PERSONAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently, I have come in contact with a number of people who advocate the abolishment of the John Birch Society. Their reasons being that they believe the Society to be communistic, its policies too strict or rigid, and that it may try to overthrow the Government. I'd like to add, at this time, that when I ask these citizens for proof to substantiate their convictions, they immediately say, "I don't know," "my friends say so," or, "I assume and have heard that the Society supports communism."

On the other hand, people have told me that they believe the Society could do much good for the United States if people would at least listen with an "open mind."

Nonetheless, at present, I'm confused as to the Society's purpose. I realize that all I have to do is write to the Society for information which they undoubtedly will furnish willingly. However, because I respect your honest opinion, I'm writing to you asking that you please give me your opinion of the Society. My address is:
 Chicago, Illinois 60641.

If the John Birch Society isn't communistic and does defend the growth and welfare of our great country, I most certainly want to contribute my part.

I thank you in advance for your kind attention and courtesy.

Yours very truly,

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EX-103

[Redacted Address]

Chicago, Illinois 60641

Dear [Redacted Name]

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Your letter of August 6th has been received.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Your interest in contacting us, however, is appreciated, and I would like to suggest that in your personal evaluation of the merits of any organization or publication, you give careful consideration to its objectives and whether they are being achieved through orderly, legal procedures.

Enclosed is some literature which I trust you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (3)

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Enclosures (3)
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Internal Security Statement, 4-17-62

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles.

EDGAR W. HIESTAND
21st DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEES:
EDUCATION AND LABOR
HOUSE ADMINISTRATION
JOINT COMMITTEE ON
DEFENSE PRODUCTION

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

~~Washington, D.C.~~

Box 661
North Hollywood
California

August 6, 1965

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is most cordially to invite you to be the featured speaker at a testimonial dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Welch at the Los Angeles Sports Arena October 11th.

This is in appreciation for the wonderful and dedicated work you have performed over the decades.

We fully appreciate the demands on your time and the number of speaking invitations you continually receive. However, once in a while a great patriotic gathering of this kind might be an opportunity to hammer home a much needed message for the support of law enforcement agencies and the protection of the rights of the individual.

We sincerely hope you can see your way clear to the acceptance of this invitation.

Sincerely yours, 18 AUG 13 1965

Edgar W. Hiestand
General Chairman
Welch Testimonial Dinner
Committee

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August 11, 1965

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Honorable Edgar W. Hiestand
Box 681
North Hollywood, California

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DATE 3/11/97 BY SP-7 mpc/PA
#260,758

Dear Mr. Hiestand:

I received your letter of August 6th inviting
me to speak at a testimonial dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Welch in Los Angeles on October 11th.

With respect to this invitation, the pressure
of my official schedule, coupled with numerous matters
which arise daily demanding my immediate attention,
precludes my accepting any additional commitments in
the foreseeable future. I regret I am unable to give you
a favorable response but trust you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

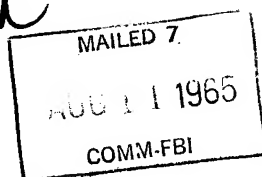
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure

NOTE: We have enjoyed limited cordial correspondence with Former
Congressman Hiestand who is allegedly a member of the John Birch
Society. It is believed Mr. Robert Welch is identical with the head of the
John Birch Society.

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Aug 9 1965

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I have been an ardent admirer of you and your work for many years. In my opinion there is no finer American, living or dead, than you. I share your distrust of the commies. above or underground. I have raised my children (and they theirs) to be loyal God fearing and patriotic Americans. I have six grand-children two of them are in college. The younger of these two who is 18 years old is going into his

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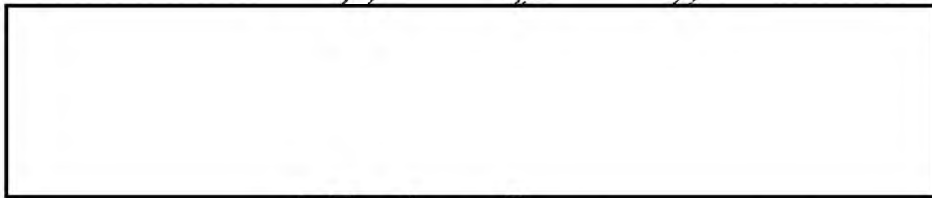
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I will appreciate any
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her sons. She and I will
be grateful to you as we
all have the same feeling
toward you. We send
sincere regards and
pray God to give you
continued health and

guidance in your great
work.

I know you are a busy
man but hope you can
find a little time to
advise three grateful
Americans of three
different generations
but one dedication, the
love of America.

Respectfully, I am,



Lake Carmel, N.Y.
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Aug. 9, 1965

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir,

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He plans to be a Phys. Ed. teacher so I advised him strongly not to get involved in anything so controversial.

I will appreciate any help you may be able to give us. My husband is dead and while the boy has a step-father he is a liability rather than a help. My daughter is working hard to educate her sons. She and I will be grateful to you as we all have the same feeling toward you. We send sincere regards and pray God to give you continued health and guidance in your great work.

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I know you are a busy man but hope you can find a little time to advise three grateful Americans of three different generations but one dedication, the love of America.

Respectfully, I am,

[Redacted Signature]

Lake Carmel, N. Y. 10512

[Redacted Address]

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August 16, 1965

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Lake Carmel, New York 10512

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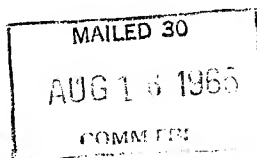
I received your letter of August 9th and want to thank you for your kind prayers and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With regard to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
Our Heritage of Greatness

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Date: 8/17/65

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL _____

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (94-)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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The files of the Credit Bureau of Poughkeepsie, NY, reflect that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Poughkeepsie, NY, and is employed as the [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Poughkeepsie. His credit rating is satisfactory.

The files of the Poughkeepsie PD and Dutchess County Sheriff's Office reflect no record for [REDACTED]

The 6/8/65 edition of the "Poughkeepsie Journal" carried a 1/4 page ad pointing out that the John Birch Society, Dutchess County Chapter, was sponsoring a project to Support Your Local Police. This ad listed [REDACTED] as Chairman of the Citizens Committee to Support Your Local Police.

The files of the NYO reflect that on 2/25/65 [REDACTED] Poughkeepsie, NY, employed as [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] visited the Poughkeepsie, NY, Resident Agency. [REDACTED] identified himself as the Chapter Leader of the [REDACTED]

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1 - New York (94-)

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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Dutchess County John Birch Society, and advised the Resident Agency that there were currently 19 members in the Dutchess County Chapter.

[] purpose in visiting the Resident Agency was to furnish information concerning an individual in the Poughkeepsie area whom he thought was a member of the Communist Party.

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In view of the fact that the correspondent is an admitted member of the John Birch Society and that the Citizens Committee to Support Your Local Police is a project of the John Birch Society, it is not recommended that the Bureau comply with the correspondent's request.

August 19, 1965

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Chairman
Citizen's Committee to Support
Your Local Police
Post Office Box 551
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

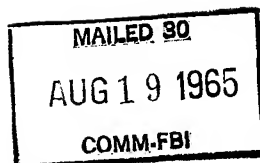
Dear [redacted]

Upon his return Mr. Hoover read your letter of August 9th and asked me to thank you for your confidence in his administration of the FBI.

He also asked me to explain that due to the pressure of his official duties and the numerous similar requests made of him, he is not in a position to accede to your wish. He regrets he is unable to be of help in this instance but trusts you will understand.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary



1 - New York
Reur airtel 8-17-65

NOTE: [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. New York airtel 8-17-65 noted that [redacted] is Chairman of the John Birch Society in this area and that this program is sponsored by the John Birch Society. As a result, the above answer is deemed appropriate.

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Chairman
P. O. BOX 551
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601

Chairman

P. O. BOX 551

POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12601

August 9, 1969

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The citizens of our community are alarmed at the rising trend in immorality and criminality in the United States. Coupled with this appalling rise in crime, especially among our youth, is a gradual erosion of the effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies. This erosion seems to come partially as a result of a "soft on criminals" treatment by many of our courts. At the same time, the communists, on a world-wide scale, have been undercutting the respect for our police with massive attacks on their integrity and by instigating accusations of brutality.

It has been shown by J. Edgar Hoover and other outstanding investigators that most of these charges are without foundation. But the attacks are having an unfortunate influence upon the attitudes of the public, and the effectiveness of our law enforcement agencies is being impaired.

It is with these facts in mind that I write you. We have seen the effectiveness of our local police diluted, and now we await the dangerous suggestion by some ill-advised demagogue that a national police force be instituted to oversee local problems.

In order to preserve our American heritage, a large group of citizens in the Mid-Hudson Valley have joined together to establish a Citizens Committee to Support Your Local Police. The purposes of the Committee are two-fold. We wish to inspire public support for our besieged police, and we wish to raise the morale of our local police officers by distributing petitions indicating public support, by sponsoring a radio program praising policemen for outstanding work, by advertising publicly, and by contributing residual contributions to the local police retirement funds.

We respectfully request that you join with us by boosting our effort with your endorsement of our aims. The honor which your eminent reputation will bring to this work will serve to sustain public support for law and order.

Thanking you for your consideration, ~~we~~ are

Yours very truly

Citizen's Committee To Support Your Local Police

Chairman

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AUG 17 1965
Very truly,
U.S. Committee To Support Your Local Police
[redacted]
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CORRESPONDENCE
Return to [signature] 421

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 19 1965

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	
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J EDGAR HOOVER, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DO YOU THINK THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY IS A GOOD ANTI-COMMUNIST
ORGANIZATION I THINK YOU ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB I AWAIT
YOUR REPLY

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LAMONT CALIF

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

CC: MR. DELOACH

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August 20, 1965

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[Redacted]

Lamont, California

Dear [Redacted]

I received your telegram of August 19th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Our Heritage of Greatness
Let's Fight Communism Sanely

NOTE: Correspondent is identifiable in Bufiles.

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600 W. LINCOLN

Greensburg, Kansas 67054

W. McFERRIN STOWE, Area Bishop
Topeka, Kansas

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Pastor
Church Phone — PA3-2324
Residence Phone — PA3-2444

Oren F. McClure, District Supt.
Dodge City, Kansas

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In a recent mission study conducted in our church, the author of one of the text-books was accused by a local person of being Communist. The debate continues, with no end in sight.

The author in question is Vera Micheles Dean, who has written The United States and the New Nations, Builders of Emerging Nations, The Nature of the Non-Western World, and New Patterns of Democracy in India.

To satisfy my own curiosity, if nothing more, I should like to know if the Bureau has any information that would indicate that she is a Communist. Personally, I couldn't detect from reading The United States and the New Nations that she is.

Also, some of our people are involved in a local chapter of the John Birch Society, and there is a growing unrest about this among other members. What is your opinion of the John Birch Society and your evaluation of its contribution towards stopping Communism?

Sincerely,

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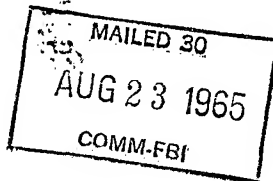
Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on August 19th, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

In response to the substance of your inquiries, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am unable to comment as you desire. Perhaps you would like to know, the FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. Vera Micheles Dean, who is affiliated with the Foreign Policy Association, is reportedly an apologist for the Soviet Union. She is well known to the Bureau (100-371054 and 62-68549).

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Mr. Mohr.....
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August 19, 1965

MR. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear MR. Hoover

I am writing you for advice on the ^QJohn Birch Society.

I want to join the Society. But I have been told that the Birch Society is an infiltrated Communist.

If this is so Please let me know by writing me one way or the other.

Sincerely Yours,



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P.S.

My address is



Tempe, Arizona

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Tempe, Arizona

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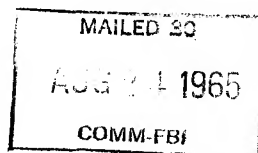
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent. The current Tempe, Arizona, telephone directory has been searched, though no listing was located for a [redacted] residing at the address set forth. In view of this, our address for [redacted] is as in incoming.

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Aug. 20, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir;

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I have been active in most of the civic and service organizations locally and spent six years as democratic county chairman. After meeting some of our Senators and representatives throughout our country I am quite concerned about our Welfare.

I should like your opinion on the book I mentioned and also other articles written on these subjects, I feel that you and your department is the only sincere and reliable source of information in government.

I congratulate you sir in your efforts to maintain our original american way of life and above all our constitution without present day interpretations.

Now sir I would like to ask you about the "John Birch Society" is it a communist front organization, has it been infiltrated or is it an honest and dedicated american organization, and how can a person fight this take over of our government and our schools and kill the apathy that so many people share today.

I would like to do whatever I can to promote good government and I suggested to the president of my corporation that we inagurate some program throughout the shop based on information received from your office.

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I cannot put into words all of my feelings but I stand ready to do whatever I can for good government, and would appreciate any and all suggestions from you.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

Valparaiso IND.

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EX-100

August 25, 1965

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[Redacted Address]

Valparaiso, Indiana

Dear [Redacted Name]

I have received your letter of August 20th, and I want you to know that the kind sentiments you expressed concerning my work are indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, it has always been my policy to refrain from commenting upon publications not prepared by personnel of this Bureau.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I trust you will understand why I am unable to comment as you desire. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning correspondent who was last written on 4/20/61 relative to his request for information concerning the PTA. He was not identifiable at that time.

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Canajoharie, N.Y.
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As to what I can do: It is suggested the individual join a group so that concentrated effort be brought to bear through properly trained, organized and directed Americans. Of the organizations listed, The John Birch Society appeals to me in that it is primarily an anti-communist organization. An attack primarily against communism would be better than an attack as a secondary objective.

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Yours Truly

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[Redacted Address]

Canajoharie, New York

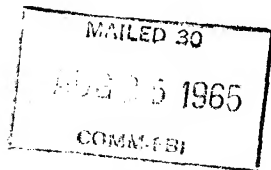
Dear [Redacted Name]

I received your letter of August 20th and want to thank you for your expression of confidence in my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Further, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. Therefore, I am certain you will understand why I am not in a position to comment along the lines you have suggested. The FBI has not investigated the John Birch Society. I regret no source comes to mind to which I might direct you to obtain the data you requested.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (2)

Our Heritage of Greatness

Let's Fight Communism Sanely

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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